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From The Rectory

Patience is a virtue

Apparently patience is a virtue, but yesterday I would have rather had a helicopter. It took me an hour and forty minutes to get from Okehampton to the M5. I was attempting to drive to Bath to collect my son who had spent a fantastic week at a sports camp with his cousins. In the end, a two hour journey took me four and a half, and I missed his award ceremony. Annoying. Most of my delay was caused by mere weight of traffic on a busy August Friday afternoon. I had to drop something off at Okehampton first, which didn't help either. I had washed all the carpets in our house, so I was returning one of those carpet cleaning machines you can hire. So forget "patience is a virtue!" "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

It's been a summer to learn patience, I think. For various reasons this summer, I seem to have done a lot of long car journeys, and we have a few more planned before the schools go back in September. Then there is the great patience test of British summer – chilly and wet. I hope the situation has changed considerably by the time this is published, but so far we seem to have had very few completely rain-free days. So the patience of many a parent is being tested this summer. How many "wet weather options" does our area have to offer? At least North Tawton school swimming pool has been open a lot, and used by many weather-bound families this summer. As for the farmers wanting to get crops in, I pray that by the time this is read a weather window of more than a couple of days has opened so that harvesting can get done... patience, patience!

Perhaps a discipline is called for here, because there is patience and patience, surely. Getting stuck staring at the back of a dirty van on the A30 for over an hour is annoying – really it is. It required great amounts of patience. But I got through it, eventually, and my friends Ed Sheeran, Pink Floyd, Radio 2 and U2 (of course) were quite good company in the process. I might have even woken up this morning more virtuous after my experience. My wife would probably disagree. Then there is a whole other level of patience that life demands at times, such as the patience needed by the farming community this summer as they have had to stare out of the farmhouse window not at dirty vans, but at all too clean combines and tractors being gently washed by the persistent drizzle. Patience when livelihood depends on it is undoubtedly more virtuous than traffic jam patience. I am reminded of another example of life-demanding patience that I witnessed this summer: the patient hope etched on the faces of a line after line of soldiers waiting for rescue on the beaches of northern France. (If you are stuck for something to do on a chilly wet evening over the next few weeks, I highly recommend catching the film *Dunkirk* before it leaves the big screen – magnificent, mesmerizing, and

miraculous.)

So, yes, there is surely something virtuous about growing in patience. It is a great Christian virtue, mentioned numerous times in the Bible, and of which Jesus is the supreme example. He patiently waits 30 years before starting his ministry. He acts with kindness, forgiveness and great patience towards his disciples, who for the majority of their friendship, are slow to understand him, not realising the true significance of his ministry. Ultimately, his patient suffering leads him to the cross to die in our place, and as we are often slow to respond to him his patience extends even towards you and me also. As the Apostle Peter wrote, "bear in mind the Lord's patience means salvation" (2 Peter 3:15).

It probably shouldn't take a traffic jam to highlight this to me, but perhaps we could all work on a little patience as we head into the busyness of autumn and a new school term. The phrase "patience is a virtue" does not in fact come from the Bible; neither for that matter does the phrase "cleanliness is next to godliness". The first comes from an ancient 5th century Christian poem, and the second is from a John Wesley sermon in the 18th century. So patience is a Christian virtue, a fruit of the Spirit according to the Apostle Paul (Galatians 5:22). But I think anyone of any faith would agree the world needs more of it. We live in impatient days, and we all find it unpleasant – someone jumping a queue, another getting unnecessarily angry at some minor inconvenience. Impatience turns the atmosphere to British summer – chilly. The trouble is, as much as we are experts at spotting it in someone else, we often miss it in ourselves. So let's work on our patience, all of us. I even read recently that people should work on their patience like they workout their bodies! Like Zumba for our souls, we should exercise our patience muscles by, for example, placing fifty coins on the floor and carefully pick them up one by one, or taking a thick book we should patiently turn over each page, making a mark with a pencil on every one. Why not? (I can think of few reasons why not!) Better still – clean the carpets at home! Now, that would be worthwhile Zumba for the soul! And you get a clean house for it too. Virtuous and godly!

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- Help residents to access more easily relevant services and information.
- Ensure the site meets the up to date legal requirements for information which must be provided to the public.
- Audit and update the information on our current site.
- Make the site readily and easily accessible via smartphone or tablet.
- Provide more information about the responsibilities of Parish/Town, District, and County councils, and link to appropriate pages on other Local Government websites.
- Promote the town of North Tawton.

Our major aim will be to help you to find the information that you need quickly and easily, and therefore we would like to know what information and/or links to other relevant sites that our residents wish to access via the Town Council's site. For example, viewing NTTC agendas and minutes, tracking current planning applications, checking information about refuse collections, reporting faulty street lights, etc. Our current website address is northtawton.towncouncil@yahoo.co.uk. You can download a simple consultation form from the site, or pick up a copy from our office. Please take the opportunity to be part of this process, and let us know your suggestions. The deadline for return of consultation forms is Friday 22nd September. Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Dogs and Dog Fouling – Letherens Lane and Yeo Lane, North Tawton

The Council has received complaints about dogs in the above areas not on leads, and also about dog fouling not being picked up by dog owners. The majority of local dog owners are thoughtful and responsible in keeping dogs under control and making sure that they always pick up and dispose of dog fouling. We would just like to remind owners who sometimes forget, that Letherens Lane and Yeo Lane are areas where dogs are required to be kept under control and are areas where dog fouling must be picked up and properly disposed of. If dogs are let off the lead to run freely it is not easy for owners to keep track of where they may have fouled, or to ensure that dogs are not causing a nuisance or posing a danger to other people. As far as the law is concerned, dog owners may not be aware that there is an £80.00 fixed penalty charge for not picking up and properly disposing of dog fouling and that a dog can be deemed to be 'dangerous' if it is dangerously out of control in a public place or if a person is 'in fear of being bitten'. For information, there is a dog waste bin close to the entrance to Letherens Lane from Fore Street, and similarly in Yeo Lane.

Public Art – Wainhomes Section 106 monies

In July we advised residents that there is a sum of money available for 'public art', and we asked for suggestions as to what people would like to see this funding used for. For information, the sum in question is £21k. Thank you to those residents who responded with ideas and suggestions. We would now like to form a Working Group to agree on proposals to put to the Council, and so we are looking for volunteers to be part of this group. If you would like to be part of this project, please contact the Town Clerk.

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2nd August 2017

There was no speaker this month as it was our social event 'Pimms on the Pitch'. Unfortunately, it was turned into "Pimms in the Clubhouse" due to the bad weather. However, everyone had brought a plate of food to share and the Pimms went down really well. Sue Parkes provided a Quiz for fun.

Sue Knott gave a short presentation on her visit to The Antiques Roadshow in Cornwall. Sue was chosen to be interviewed regarding her most unusual handbag (from the fifties) which had excited quite a lot of interest from the presenters and was televised. We were all enthralled with the bag which even contained internal lighting. A beautiful antique!!

So we now have a TV star in our midst!!!!

Our Quiz, with Cider and Pasties, Night is on October 13th, 7.30 at the Rugby Club. Tickets are £6 from the Post Office and £7 on the door.

Our next meeting will be on **6th September** when our speaker will be Pauline Beare who will give a talk entitled "Nordic Walking".

Jane Hunt-Webb

Swallows

Mid August it is - still summer in theory.

The sky is textureless grey, rain spits casually,
And we think about lighting the fire.

On their narrow stave of phone wires
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Thanks to the efforts of club members Dave Nicks, John Kinsey and Lloyd Reynolds the bowling club organised a great day out with teams from the local area.

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It was lovely to see the club being used in this way with family, children and friends joining in the fun. With all the refreshments and food available (supplied by the ladies of the club) for a good day out and the weather behaving, the teams battled it out for a place in the semi finals

The final however was between two teams from The Fountain Inn, hidden talent? But it was the Fountain team of Tony Fisher, Nigel Dunster and Mark Denis (see picture left) which eventually won the Shield. Thanks to all who took part and to all the club members who worked hard to make it a successful and memorable day, but also a profitable day for the Bowls Club.

Mike Thwaites

Pat Ward

Irene and family would like to say a big thank you for all the many cards and flowers they have received and to all the family and friends who attended Pat's funeral. A special thanks to Rev Nick Weldon, Mr Andrew White, the bearers - Lloyd Reynolds, Paul Burrow, Rob Whitely and Darren Nichols - and the Bowling club ladies. We would also like to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful care and support we received from the hospice nurses Clare and Gay, the community nurses Chloe and Ruth and Bow medical practice. We will miss Pat more than words can say, but we were overwhelmed by the number of people at his funeral. The total to date raised in Pat's memory is £1595 which will be donated to Hospice care. Once again thank you for all the love and support we have all been shown.

John Vaughan

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Nick Alford has accepted our invitation to introduce himself through the pages of "Roundabout". We welcome him as he moves with his family into the district and becomes the new Head of our school:

I'm delighted to be taking over as headteacher of North Tawton Community Primary School in September. For me this is a really exciting opportunity and I hope I will be able to work with the school community to continue to raise standards and ensure the children of North Tawton are being given the best possible start in life.

As well as taking on my second headship, this marks a return to Devon for me. I spent my formative years growing up in Hatherleigh and attended Okehampton School before going on to Exeter College and then university. What's been lovely on my visits to North Tawton, is coming across people who remember me from my school days and realising that nearly everyone knows someone you know too, albeit at times in a roundabout way.

When I start work in September it will be 24 years since I qualified as a teacher from Loughborough University. I started my career in Weston-super-Mare before moving to London in 1996. Initially I worked at a very large urban school in quite a deprived area of west London before becoming a deputy head at a junior school near Harrow. From there I moved to my headship at Glebe Primary School in the London Borough of Hillingdon where I have worked for 11 years. In that time the school expanded from two to three forms of entry and pupils number went from 240 to 550. I led Glebe through three successful Ofsted inspections and significant improvements in SATs results. The school also had a full rebuild which culminated in a royal opening. However, for me the greatest achievement was making the school a really happy and safe place for the children to come and learn every day and ensuring the school was a central part of the local community.

My philosophy on education is pretty simple; I want children to feel positive about coming in to school every day and develop a love of learning, whether it be in the classroom or through the wider curriculum. I do expect children to work hard and have high expectations of themselves so that they are well prepared for the next stage of their education and their future lives. I'm a great believer in having high aspirations and encouraging children to have ambition, whatever it may be.

One of the great joys of headship for me is getting to know the families that make up the school community. To this end you will see me on the school gate each day and I'm always happy to chat or resolve any concerns you may have. I'll also do my best to get to know your children as individuals by popping into lessons and chatting to them on the playground.

I'm very much look forward to working with the staff and governing body at North Tawton. From my initial visits to the school I can see that we have an excellent and dedicated group of people educating the children and I hope I will be able to work closely with them all to ensure standards are high and the outcomes for the children are the best they can be.

I'll be moving down to Devon with my wife, Ruh and our two children. Niall is 13 and Amelia is three. She will be attending the pre-school at North Tawton for part of the week from September so I'll be able to keep half an eye on her (my son came to my previous school as a pupil too). My wife is also a teacher and she'll be working as deputy head across two schools: Dolton Primary and the Clinton School in Merton.

Away from school my main interests are sport and music. I'm a life long fan of Plymouth Argyle so I'm looking forward to seeing a few more home games, having mainly followed them away over the last 20 years. I also love my cricket and played for many years but now enjoying watching; I've been very lucky in living not too far from Lord's cricket ground. My other big passion is music, listening to rather than playing. I love going to concerts and collect records, or vinyl as people insist on calling them these days! For those of you with a good memory I can report that I spent many hours in my youth at the record shop in the Red Lion Yard (Sounds Familiar I think it was called - it's a cafe these days).

Of course, the most important thing in my life is spending time with my family and we are all looking forward to exploring the beautiful Devon countryside and beaches. It's been a big move for us all and as I write this we are surrounded by boxes ready to unpack. However, we are all very excited by this new chapter in our lives and I sincerely hope that my headship at North Tawton will be a successful one and that the school goes from strength to strength.

I really look forward to meeting you all!

Nick Alford



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If you wish to audition in a singing role, please bring along your backing track. This can be through your phone, memory stick or CD.

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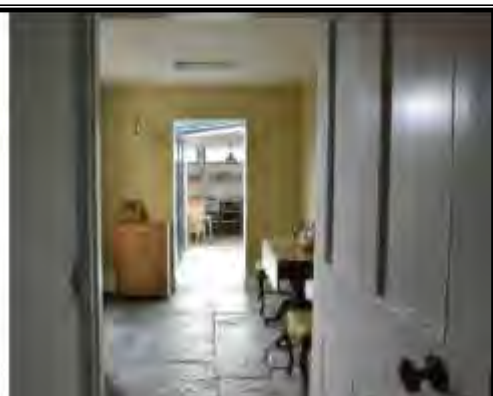
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News from Sampford Courtenay

The weather was warm and dry for the bell ringers' barbecue, rescheduled for 25th July and held at the home of the Bennie family at Whiddon Down.

Members of St Andrew's church choir sang at St. James, Bondleigh's, Patronal Festival on Sunday, 30th July. The organist was Roger Cleverdon. It was a pleasure to hear a variety of organists playing at St Andrew's during Roger's summer break, including Richard Edwards, Rod Levick and Margaret Weeks.

Members of Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI enjoyed their summer outing to Garden Cottage, near Brushford, on Thursday, 3rd August. After a tour of the gardens a generous and welcome tea was held in the barn.

At the Okehampton Show the W.I. was placed a creditable 3rd in the group competition, jointly with North Tawton W.I..

If you wish to come to St. Andrew's Harvest Festival, followed by supper in the Church Rooms, on Friday 29th September, please remember to book through Malcolm Craig, 01837 880118, or Sarah Hanks, 01837851287, to secure a place.

Nicky Craig



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The new Sampford Courtenay website

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We launched a new website for Sampford Courtenay in January 2017. The expanded site includes information on local events and activities, reports from the parish council, news and views from residents, tips for visitors and a range of fascinating photos of Sampford Courtenay past and present. The site is very easy to update and we have tried to keep it as current as possible.

I have been monitoring visits to the site since the beginning of March. During that time there have been approximately 11,600 page views in about 3,000 sessions. During July, there were around 3,500 page views, up 40% on June. More than 100 people from the parish check the site every few days. (These figures do not include me!) The most popular areas are the home page, the events and news pages, pictures from the past and the gallery. John Palmer's 'Coastridin' Ireland' blog has been particularly popular, with several hundred views. Interestingly, the area of the site specifically for visitors has received more hits in recent weeks, presumably due to the onset of 'summer'.

We are very pleased with the progress of the website – more and more people are using it and an increasing number are contributing. However, we are always looking for ways to keep

things fresh and interesting. Under 'Local information' (main menu), you will find 'Pictures & stories', where we are asking for contributions of local photos and pieces of writing – fiction, non-fiction, poetry, observations on nature, opinion or comment. You will find our first creative writing contribution from John Palmer under 'Fiction'. We are also interested in images of art and craft – stained glass by Sadie Coventry featuring three hares appears on the 'Churches in the parish' page. We're interested in all creative endeavours!

If you would like to contribute to the Sampford Courtenay website or have any questions, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

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

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As this will be Mrs. Bevis's (and Cllr. Robin Bevis) last meeting – Cllr. Coleman wished to express thanks to both of them on behalf of SCPC for their hard work and loyal support over the past years.

WDBC Report - in the absence of both councillors, the Clerk read out an email from Cllr. Louise Watts :

Hub meeting 18.7.17 to discuss merger of South Hams and WDBC – to generate substantial savings in operating costs.

Cllr. Coleman would like to know what does “merger” mean? If it is a reduction of officers and buildings he is in favour of the move, however, if it means a reduction in elected members he hopes that the two administrations will be warded to maintain a fair balance for both areas.

Audit Committee – no major surprises with WDBC showing a small revenue underspend compared to budget.

Garden Waste scheme up and running with first collections at end of July. However, there have been some issues with trying to register on line which the council are aware of.

Garden Waste Scheme – Village Bag? – a member of the parish is concerned that leaves from the Churchyard fall onto his property although he has no garden himself, and did not feel prepared to pay for garden waste bags for waste from neighbouring property. Cllr. Friend reported that Cllr. McInnes suggested that DCC will provide a Village Bag for rubbish on the highway. Clerk to contact him for details.

Cllr. Thorley also reported that at the Eastern Links meeting it was suggested that a group of neighbours could group together and share the cost of registering for the Garden Waste Scheme. However, bags would have to be registered to just one address to be collected.

Planning

2221/17/COM – Notification under electronic communications for proposed replacement of 3no existing antennae with 3no new antennae. Comments by 27th July

Cllr Coleman had printed off copies of the above plans to consider at the meeting. He also commented that the Planning Portal on WDBC is showing marked improvement. However, it would still be better if all documents pertaining to a particular planning application could be put together in a Zip file that could be downloaded rather than having to download each document individually.

With reference to the above application – councillors unanimously supported the improvements but would like some indication of how long the work will take and whether the works will adversely affect the Wi Fi signal for any prolonged period.

Builders' Yard – The Clerk had received a late email from Mr. Chris Miles-Ash, outlining his plans for building works on the piece of land known as “Builders' Yard”. Cllrs. will wait on receipt of full plans from WDBC before making any comments.

WDBC Decisions :-

2935/16/COU – Land at Beacon Cross Farm – Mr Holman = Refusal

Phone boxes

SCPC definitive position (Cllr. D. Boting Page) – Cllr . Boting Page presented a report of the current state of all 3 BT phone boxes within the parish. As the Clerk had received no communication from

members of the public since the last meeting a vote was taken on the best way forward with this issue.

Belstone Corner phone box – Phone out of order, very poor condition, located on a corner with poor sight lines for safe use. **Majority vote to REMOVE.**

Sampford Chapple phone box – Phone out of order, poor condition, located on fast stretch of road but with reasonable sight lines. **Majority vote to RETAIN.**

Village Square phone box – Phone working (card only), reasonable condition, located in good position.

Majority vote to RETAIN.

It was agreed to bring this to the next Open Meeting in October, and Cllr. McIlwraith offered to try and communicate with both OFCOM and BT to clarify how to proceed in time for the Open Meeting.

Possible purchase of Defibrillators for phone boxes – Cllr. Coleman reported that a member of the public had offered to finance the purchase of a defibrillator for the parish. Cllr. McIlwraith offered to look into the cost and implications involved and this matter would be added to Agenda for Autumn Open Meeting

Eastern Links meeting.

Eastern Links Meeting report (Cllr. A. Thorley)

No representative from the police

Broadband – a representative from [CDS](#) reported that Sampford Courtenay is covered in Phase 2/Lot 4 just awarded to Airband. Plus anyone with unused vouchers now has until the end of September to use them. If you go to the Connecting Devon and Somerset page you can input your postcode and it will give you more information.

WDBC – [their Annual Report](#) can be accessed via their website.

Garden Waste – If you can use some of the old white garden waste bags they are available at the Okehampton Council Offices cost £1 each.

Dartmoor National Park – Moor Otters - have you come across the Moor Otters leaflets (available at Waitrose and other outlets). There are 100 different Otter models sited around the Dartmoor area and there is an Otter Trail, and you can take part in an online bid to win one of them. For more details use the above link.

TAP funding – any applications will be considered at the November meeting.

Highways – need to appoint a new signage contractor; therefore, there is a waiting list for already approved new signs.

Speed Control – several neighbouring parishes discussed the possibility of jointly purchasing a mobile radar system that shows a smiling or frowning face depending on your speed. This could be moved around different parishes to try and address speed issues.

Community Speed Watch – there is currently a waiting list for this training. (SCPC is on the list). However, Whiddon Down reported that it is a good course. They suggested that if parishioners are concerned about the prospect of penalising neighbours who are speeding – parishes to speed check each other to avoid this.

Cllr Coleman – thanked Cllr Thorley for attending the meeting and making this report

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCClerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues.

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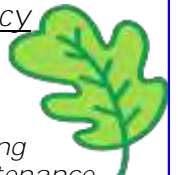
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And while it is easy to blame the staff at some Care Homes for their behaviour, there are other aspects to the matter of care provision. A lady running a Care Home reported that many of her charges were lucky if they received a visit from a relative once a year.

Parents take great care in choosing schools for their children and in keeping in touch with school to monitor continuing progress. It would be good if a similar enthusiasm were shown for their children’s grandparents when they are moved into a Care Home. When choosing a school, parents are well advised to visit it and sense the atmosphere in it for themselves. Will it be a place where their children will thrive and be happy? The advice from CQC to visit a prospective care home to “check the smell” is appealing to a similar instinctive “feel”. Will the elderly inmate be happy and thrive in these surroundings?

The tradition has gone whereby several generations of the same family lived together in the same house and the elderly relatives were cared for within the family. Children leave home in pursuit of education and employment far away and are not always able to live within easy travelling distance of their aging parents, whether they live in a Care Home or in their own home. So the Care Home staff member becomes as responsible for the elderly folk as the school teacher is responsible for young pupils during the school day. Yet when the children go home to the care of their parents, the Care Home staff remains “on duty” around the clock. It is a labour of love, requiring patience, understanding and commitment of a special order.

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Royal British Legion

Our Mystery Trip held on Sunday 30th July was well attended. Leaving North Tawton, we collected some Okehampton RBL members and set off on our way stopping at Trelawney Garden Centre for coffee. From there we made our way to Newquay visiting the RBL club and we were made most welcome with them laying on a wonderful buffet lunch and for the afternoon's entertainment with the beautiful voice of Paula. She sang all the old fashioned songs and by the middle of the afternoon our ladies and gents were in full voice singing anything from "Its a long way to Tipperary" to "My old man". I think it might have had something to do with the liquid refreshments that were consumed. Even the weather was kind to us; what a great day.

As you may already be aware that Neil and Sheri Hallam are leaving us to be nearer their family (Granny and Grandad duties come to mind). Our RBL branch will miss Neil as he has been our Poppy Co-ordinator and President for a very long time. I am sure I am speaking for a lot of people in this community when I say he will be greatly missed by so many organisations such as the Church and School to name a few.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for all they have done for the community and wish them well for the future.

Our branch is still in need of someone (maybe a couple?) to take on the role of the Poppy Appeal Co-Ordinator, so if you feel that you are up for the challenge please come along and talk to us and we will be only too pleased to help you in any way.

Barry Ware

A further note from Barry Ware:




I sent a letter to the Director General of the Royal British Legion raising my concern regarding the disbanding of the ladies section. This is the reply I received. I hope this helps to clarify the situation as there was a lot of confusion over why they had to lay up their standard and disband.

"I am sorry that you are unhappy with the way that the Women's Section has been treated. The Board of Trustees fully understand and appreciate the great contribution the Women's Section make to the work of the Legion. It might be helpful if I explain the background to the changes to the status of the Women's Section.

In December 2014, the Board of Trustees considered four major issues facing the Women's Section: falling membership, decline in income, the introduction of the Comradeship Data base and the ratio of administrative to welfare spend. In March 2015, the Chairman of the Women's Section presented a report to the Board of Trustees detailing actions which the Women's Section was taking to address those issues. On 26th May 2015, the then national Vice Chairman and the then Director General met the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Women's Section to discuss possible options and identify areas of concern. At all times during this ongoing process the Women's Section Chairman, Vice Chairman and their central committee have been involved and consulted.

Thank you once again for taking the trouble to write to me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your members for all of your hard work in North Tawton.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Byrne"

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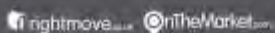
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In "From the Rectory" in April, Nick Weldon outlined a partnership scheme St. Peter's Church is undertaking to support five different organisations over the next three years. Previous editions of "Roundabout" have given details of four of them. This month, Nick tells us about the final organisation for which he is acting as the champion.

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Morning Star Ministries has a long association with the churches and chapels of West Devon, including North Street Chapel in North Tawton. At St. Peter's we have been pleased to support them for the last 10 years as well, and with the advent of the St. Peter's Partnership in March this year, we have been pleased to increase our commitment to their work in prayer and financial giving. Morning Star Ministries is based in Punjab, India, and works with local people to share the good news of Jesus, relieve poverty, provide education, and promote healthy living in the poorest communities of India. Englishman Roger Berrie set up Morning Star over 20 years ago. Since then, the project has transformed the lives of multiple young people by lifting them out of the dust of India's slums.

At their base, Morning Star Church, they hold regular worship services and Bible studies for over 100 people. New churches have been planted in the surrounding area in recent years. They also have a fellowship group at a local charitable hospital where they hold Bible studies, do chaplaincy visits for patients and provide pastoral support to staff. Morning Star Ministries also hosts a residential school for children from nearby slums across two sites. Currently, they have 40 children living at the school, and a further 40 who attend the day school, plus 4 in further education. Morning Star believes that providing education is a crucial element in lifting people out of poverty and empowering them to succeed in life. They follow the regional School Education Board syllabus so the children can obtain nationally recognised qualifications at GCSE and 'A' level equivalent. The oldest boy Raj, after enrolling at College to do 'A' levels said, "When I was little, my mum and I used to beg outside this place. I never dreamed I would be studying here". Having completed 'A' levels and a certificate in Theology, Raj is now undertaking a rehabilitation course with a view to working to help the marginalised. They facilitate health care for the children in the school. All the children receive necessary vaccinations and over twenty of them have been treated successfully for T.B.. They also host dental clinics, vaccination clinics and heart check clinics, to which members of the community are invited as well. In addition they facilitate health care for other individuals who are known to them who would not be able to access suitable care without assistance, which might be financial or knowledge based.

Three years ago Morning Star flew Surjeet, a young paraplegic man to Chennai for a life saving operation and four months of rehabilitation. His brother Parmjeet is a medical worker for Morning Star. He ministers basic health care to the children and others in need.

Recently Morning Star has completed a project to build a new complex where they can accommodate up to 70 young people, and educate up to 200.

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Chris Walpole

Chris who has a great knowledge of the area from his experience as a Dartmoor Guide and has published a book on the Belstone area, will tell us of the many remains of previous industrial activity which there are to be discovered in the area.

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. If you would rather turn up and introduce yourself that's fine too. After each talk there is always a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits – even a chance to win a raffle prize. A donation of £1 at the door is always appreciated.



September Events at Okehampton Library

Thursday 21 September 19:00 - Author Graham Hurley

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News from the Castle

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We are recovering from a pretty hectic couple of weeks of school visits at the end of term. Wild Week was attended by over 300 local primary school children and lots of fun was had by all. We are now geared up for summer holiday and keeping fingers crossed that the weather is kind.

I must, of course, mention the building projects. Work to the turbine house is flying along and we are optimistic that we will be up and running by the end of September. Work on the Castle is going well too, although I must confess that the sound of drilling is rapidly losing appeal! A massive thank you must go out to all the Castle Drogo staff and volunteers for their patience and support during this intensive period of dismantling.

Just a couple of dates for your diary... Heritage Open Day is back on Saturday 9th September, 11a.m. - 5p.m.. This is the day when you can come and visit the castle and grounds for free. Also, our Edwardian country fair returns on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September, 11a.m.- 5p.m., with lots of traditional fun and games for all the family. Normal admission prices apply for the fair though – please don't get the two dates confused.

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Paula
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We hope everyone has their walking boots ready to enjoy a stroll along a trail through Bondleigh (well behaved dogs are welcome). Starting at St. James' from 11 a.m. and returning to enjoy a cream tea. There will be routes to suit all abilities and a picnic area for those who wish to make a prompt start and bring a picnic lunch with them.

Cream Teas will be served from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. - even if you are not walking (or if the weather is unkind) we welcome you to come along and enjoy a cream tea whilst meeting up with friends in our beautiful church.

Adults - £5.00 each

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Please contact Graham & Caroline Stokes 82240 or Danny & Jane Semorad 82319 for further information.

Sunday 17th, September - St. James' Harvest Festival at 3 p.m.

Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy this thanksgiving service followed by a cider buffet.

Caroline Stokes

Bondleigh Rainfall

After a dry start to the month the 'summer rains' began and by the end of the month rainfall totalled 106.9mm. This made it the wettest month since last November and compared to only 14.4mm last July. So much for the expected drought!

Danny Semorad

Garden Studio Open

Once again established Devon artist, Celia Olsson, will be welcoming visitors to her studio in the garden for Devon Open Studios between 9th and 24th September.

This has been another year of travel for Celia – south as far as Belize and north to Spitzbergen. As always, Celia takes her sketchbooks to record the things she's seen, which you will be able to see when you visit. "It's hard to say which was the best place. The Azores were a delight (even on a wet day), Havana in Cuba was overwhelming and the fjords of Norway were just stunning". She has come home with so many memories, which, with her sketchbooks, are the inspiration for the paintings she is working on at the moment. All this travel to far flung places doesn't mean she's forgotten home – and she's seen it from a different angle. Having breakfast on deck watching Ilfracombe and Combe Martin go past, albeit under a blanket of cloud, was a bit surreal. She is also producing paintings of woodland near home and, of course, beloved Dartmoor.

Celia paints in a loose style mainly using watercolour because of the wonderful choice of vibrant colours, but also likes to experiment with acrylic inks and various texture media. She says watercolour is such an exciting media because you never know how it will turn out.

She also runs watercolour classes locally, and is invited to demonstrate and run workshops for art groups all over the South West. At all these events she likes to encourage people to have a go without fear of failure.

On Saturdays 16th and 23rd September Celia will be running workshops 'Playing with Colour'. At these workshops you will have fun mixing watercolours and creating textures. They are suitable for those who have never painted before and those who want to get out of a rut and experiment with new methods. They start at 2.30 p.m., finishing at 4 p.m. with a cup of tea. The cost is £5 and booking is essential as space is limited.

Celia's studio will be open on 9th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 23rd and 24th September from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Funeral

Tuesday 25th July
Friday 28th July

Marian JOHNS (83)
Pat WARD (67)

St Andrew's Church
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Wedding

Saturday 22nd July

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Sept 24th / Oct 1st	Pam Evison

North Tawton

Flowers

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Sept 10th / 17th	Margaret Arscott
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Oct 15th	Harvest Flowers
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