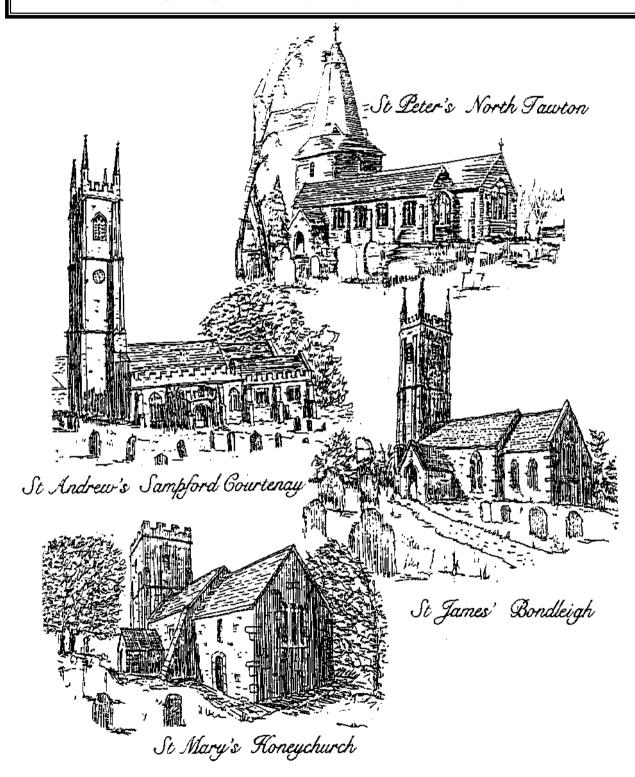
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From The Rectory

What did the Reformation do for us?

It will soon be that time of year again... Halloween, Bonfire Night, and Remembrance Sunday. There will be a Light Party for primary school aged children at St Peter's Church in North Tawton for Halloween (6pm-7.30pm), the Rugby Club are hosting their annual fireworks display on Friday 27th October (6.30pm), and once again there will be gatherings and services in Sampford Courtenay and North Tawton over the Remembrance weekend. (Further details on pages 7 and 13 of this issue of "Roundabout").

However, there is another big event that will be commemorated on 31st October all over the world this year. In fact, 2017 marks an important anniversary for this world-changing event. Forget ghosts and witches and trick or treat, 500 years ago on All Hallows Eve a monk called Martin Luther kick-started the greatest cultural, social, and religious change the world had ever seen. He did it not by winning an election or causing a riot, but by nailing his homework on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. Unless you happen to know a bit about the Reformation, then I doubt the anniversary of a disgruntled late medieval German monk causing minor public damage to a church door is going to give you much cause for celebration. It all sounds a bit far-fetched. But what happened that autumn day kick-started the Protestant Reformation, which over the next 150 years, swept across Europe and changed the course of history.

Most historians agree that Martin Luther had no idea at the time of the potential impact of his actions 500 years ago this month. His paper contained a list of 95 complaints against the Roman Catholic Church, which at the time held a tight grip on the daily lives of all people in Europe. Luther's beef was mainly against the sale of papal indulgences.... a means by which the Catholic church raised money at the time. The idea of indulgences was that you paid money to the local priest who would supposedly pray for the souls of your dead relatives in purgatory so that they would be quickly released into heaven (!). Luther could find no basis in the Bible for such a scandalous and corrupt practice, so like a medieval Banksy, he felt compelled to do something about it.

This was the straw that broke the camel's back, and over the rest of the 16th century Reformation ideas swept across Europe. Essentially, ordinary people began to do as Luther had done by re-engaging with the good news of Christ as contained in the Gospels, rather than the crooked version that the church hierarchy had been peddling for centuries. People went back to the Bible to learn about God, which up until the 1520's was still only available in Latin, so only the educated could read it. The Bible then began to be translated into the local dialects of the people so that they could draw close to God through his word themselves.

The key teaching that Luther and his successors championed has been summarised as the five "solas" of the Protestant Reformation... that a relationship with God should be based on "Scripture alone, through faith alone, by grace alone, in Christ alone, and to the glory of God alone". Of course, as is always the case in human history, the good was mixed with the bad. During this period there was much needless violence, and the behaviour of the English monarch Henry VIII was questionable at best – divorced, beheaded, died etc. – even if his actions did give rise to the Protestant Church of England! Nevertheless, England was transformed over the period, the Reformation affecting every community in the land, including this one.

So then, what did the Reformation do for us? Well, nationally and internationally the Reformation changed the way life worked for millions of people. Many of the developments of the last few centuries can trace their origins to the Reformers... universal education, literacy and healthcare, the rule of law, individual rights, democratic governance, early capitalism, modern science, women's suffrage, and the abolition of slavery. But the Reformation also made its mark on our bit of Devon too. It was a bumpy ride. Famously, there was the Prayer Book Rebellion of 1549, which culminated in the Battle of Sampford Courtenay. This was a popular revolt by west-country folk against the imposition of the new Reformed Book of Common Prayer. They wanted to keep the old traditional Catholic forms of worship. (You can read much more about this at the permanent exhibition in St Andrew's Church.) But I also note from reading through the history of Rectors in North Tawton, that from 1517 to 1662 North Tawton went through 12 Rectors, one of whom was appointed by Henry VIII himself, and another (Thomas Maynard) was ejected from his post because he refused to sign the act that established the laws of the Church of England. He was a Puritan, and evidently the 1662 Act of Uniformity was not Reformed enough for him! Since then, it seems St Peter's Church has remained in a fairly low church Reformed tradition. And throughout the next two centuries, the non-conformist movement made a lasting impact on the spirituality of Devon people too, with numerous Methodist, Congregational and Bible Christian chapels being built in our towns and villages. Of course, much has changed in recent decades, but like much of England, the soil of this area remains Reformed to this day to one degree or another. So happy All Hallows Eve! And remember, remember the fifth of November. But don't forget Reformation Day, and that monk Martin Luther with his homework, 500 years ago this

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Private William James FISHER of the 8th Devonshire Regiment. He died on 26th October 1917 in Belgium aged 25 and is commemorated at Tyne Cot Cemetery. He lived in Bridge Cottages, Bondleigh.

Private Archibald Ellis WHITE of the 16th Royal Sussex Regiment. He died on 6th November 1917 aged 26 in Palestine and is buried at Beersheba. He lived at The School House, Exeter Street, North Tawton.



Private John BREALEY of the 6th Devonshire Regiment. He died 20th November 1917 aged 30 in Mesopotamia and is buried in Basra. He lived in Essington Lane, North Tawton.

Also the brother of the above, Private George BREALEY, aged 31, of the Australian Infantry, believed lost in the Dardanelles campaign but has no recorded resting place or memorial mention.

Private Frederick Edward HORNE of the 1st Worcestershire Regiment. He died 24th November 1917 aged 19 in France and is buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery. He lived at Sampford Chapel.



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As winter approaches, the Council needs to update the 'Snow Warden' scheme.

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North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Document is currently being designed in preparation for the Regulation 14 consultation. The plan will be available on the NTTC website, and printed copies will also be available. The NP group will meet on 19th October to prepare for the consultation, which should be completed by Christmas 2017. Responses will be compiled and necessary changes made to the Plan. Please look out for notices which will let you know when the consultation period starts.

Defibrillator Awareness Training

There will be a training session in the Town Council Office on Wednesday 15 November at 7.00 pm.

Pruning of Yew Trees in North Tawton Cemetery

As you may have noticed the Yew trees in the cemetery have been pruned very hard. The trees had been somewhat neglected and therefore had become overgrown so the hearse had difficulty in reversing through the cemetery. The decision was taken to give the trees the opportunity to grow from a solid base and be maintained annually. This type of hard pruning a Yew is termed rejuvenation pruning. It will rejuvenate the trees and give them renewed vigour and lush, bushy foliage. However, you'll have to be patient. It may take a few years for the Yew trees to look beautiful and full again.

North Tawton Town Council - Vacancies and Election

Mrs. A. Ponsford and Mr. I. Palmer recently resigned from the Council, so there are two vacancies. West Devon Borough Council has advised that a valid request has been made to hold an election for these vacancies. The official notices and all relevant information will be advertised in due course, but please be aware that the proposed date for this election is **Thursday 30 November 2017.** The Council would like to thank Mrs. Ponsford and Mr. Palmer for their contributions to the work of the Council, which has been much appreciated.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE SERVICE

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

The North Tawton Branch of the Royal British Legion and the various uniformed organisations will lead the Remembrance
Parade with standards. The Parade will leave from the Square into St Peter's Church
for a memorial service led by the Revd Nick Weldon.
The commemorations will conclude with the laying of wreaths in the town cemetery.

Please gather in the Square at 10.15am to collect wreaths and posies.

The Parade will leave for church at 10.35am

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The regular 'Flower of the Month' brought some lovely blooms and the competition was 'a seascape painting'. Next months competition is a homemade brooch in any medium.

Our next meeting is at the Rugby Club at 2pm on Wednesday 1st November when one of our members, Shirley McClements, will be telling us about the work of COMPASSION UK abroad.

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Rangers age 14+ meet alternate Thursdays 7.00 - 9.00 contact: Jennifer 01837 82752

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News from North Tawton Community Primary School.



In what seems like the blink of an eye the first half term of the school year has been completed. It has certainly been a busy one with lots going on at the school. An autumn highlight is always our school harvest festival. Once again we were able to welcome Reverend Weldon in to school to lead our celebrations. Although I have attended many harvest festivals in my teaching career, this is the first one where I am working in a farming community. The children's knowledge was impressive and the children enjoyed learning about the journey of wheat from

the field to bread on the table. The children generously brought in many donations of tinned food and packets which are being passed on to the Okehampton Food Bank.

We had a visit from Councillor James McInnes last month. He came to have a look at our new classrooms and I was able to chat with him about the work we are doing at school. The democratic process here at North Tawton has been in full swing in the last month as we elected our new school council members. The children chosen by their peers were Sam W, Jessica R, Oliver H, Finlay M, Fleur B, Ava F, Shay M, Archie E, Mikayla L, Tyler D, Eve T and **Megan D.** I am sure they will serve their class colleagues well.

Also being voted in were our new house captains. The school has relaunched its house competition with a new cup and specially produced new house P.E. shirts. The new house captains are

Dart - Ethan & Daisy, Creedy - Charlotte & Connor, Okement - Mikayla & Joseph, Taw - Leah & Harry. We're hoping to have various house competitions during the year so children can win points for their house. They'll also get them for good conduct and behaviour. I have been really impressed by how well the children have responded and it is lovely to find children opening doors for you and speaking in such a polite manner.

The politeness of North Tawton children was commented on when we held our annual football and netball tournament recently. We welcomed over ten schools to take part in a day of competition. Both of our teams played well and should feel proud of their respective performances. The netball team ended up in sixth place with our f ootball team coming in joint second just one point behind the winners, Chagford (they won the netball too). The matches were played in a great spirit and the real winner on the day was the enjoyment of all those taking part.

Just before half term we held an open day for parents who are looking for school places next year. It is always a joy to show prospective parents and visitors around our school so they can see all of the fantastic learning going on. The majority of our visiting parents tend to be particularly interested in our foundation unit which covers both nursery and reception. I've been lucky enough to spend some time there this term and see the fantastic work which goes on (I even get to have a sneaky look at my daughter who attends the unit too). The high quality provision gives the children a real good start to their education which can be developed as they move through the school. I hope that when parents are making their school choices in January lots of people will put North Tawton at the top of their list as I do think the school has much to offer. For more information on applying for school places then please follow this link:

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Thanks to those who attended our recent consultation meetings around joining the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. The consultation period ended on the 20th October. The views of parents, staff and the local community will now be considered by the Governing Body who will make the final decision on the 16th November.

I'm sure the second half of term will be as busy as the first with parents' evenings coming up, class assemblies for Sycamore and Willow classes and did someone mention Christmas?

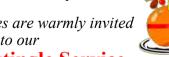
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Invitation for Grant Applications – Winter 2017/18

Den Brook Community Fund

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The committee meet twice a year to allocate funds and the deadline for the current round of bids is 31st January 2018.

The fund is not intended to replace or supplement existing revenue funding, but to support specific change projects which are unable to be funded through other resources. The aims of projects submitted for consideration should include at least one of the following priorities-

- benefit physical health and mental well-being
- promote care and support of disadvantaged or vulnerable people
- encourage and support voluntary activity, community spirit and participation through social, sporting and cultural activities.
- improve local employment opportunities
- produce deliverable benefits to local communities which provide a sustainable legacy over an extended period of time
- ideally benefit more than one DBCF participating parish
- provide environmental benefits which contribute to energy efficiency initiatives
- promote equality of opportunity through delivery of neutral, secular, and a-political outcomes

Overall, the project should promote social and environmental sustainability initiatives for the benefit of the communities within the environs of the Den Brook wind farm.

The committee will only consider proposals submitted on the official application form which can be obtained from the Fund Manager, Den Brook Community Fund, c/o North Tawton Council Offices,14a The Square, North Tawton,EX20 2EP, or by e-mail from denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com, together with guidance and advice on the process, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions.

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The latest meeting took place on October 5th. Everyone was welcomed and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Elizabeth Gard who spoke about and demonstrated 'Beautiful things with Willow'. She showed some articles which she made from the willow and also explained all the things, large and small, from a deer to table decorations.

After refreshments the business was dealt with, which included final arrangements for the coffee morning to be held in Hatherleigh Old Schools on Tuesday October 10th. It was stated that there was no coach pick-up in Okehampton for the visit to Cardiff, for the Christmas Market, which meant going to Exeter to meet the coach. The skittle team had won their first match in the WI League. It was suggested that a Christmas meal be held in the Victorian Tearooms, Okehampton between November 6 and 11. It was also suggested that following the success of the Cookery Book published by members, a book of household hints could be produced. The next walk is at Belstone on October 27th. The winners of the competition (a foliage arrangement) and FOM were Annie Warren and Ethel Nancekivell.

The next meeting is in Exbourne Village Hall on Thursday November 2nd (note the time) at 2.30pm. Sylvia Crocker will be cooking Savoury Bakes. All welcome.

Margaret Weeks

Bondleigh Events

Rainfall in September totalled 130.7mm. making this the wettest September since 1998. Most of the rain fell in the first half of the month. After a wet July and August the effect on the land has been considerable. However, since the 16th amounts have been small leading to some pleasant Autumn days

Danny Semorad

BINGO AT SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday 15th November 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

And the Christmas Bingo:

Wednesday 20th December 7.00 for 8.00 p.m.



READING GROUP

MEETS last Tuesday MONTHLY 7.30 pm AT THE NEW INN CONTACT ISHBEL ASKEW 01837880171



Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

13th November 2.30 p.m Amanda Wilson - Workshop 'Seasonal Happenings'

Tea hostess - Rosie Dunn

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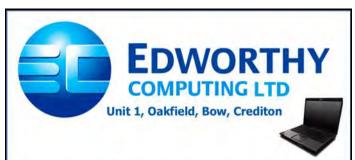
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Notes from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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1) WDBC Report

- a) SCPC congratulated Cllr. Lois Samuel on her election as Deputy Leader of WDBC.
- b) One Council WDBC and Southhams still have £19 million to find before 2020 and Cllr. Lois encouraged all Parish Councils to look at the One Council website and submit their views on the proposals. A decision has to be made by Oct 31st.
- c) Setting of new electoral boundaries the clerk asked how it would be decided on which councillors would stay or go. Cllr. Lois says that if the merger goes ahead new electoral boundaries would have to be set for an election in 2021. At the moment there are several top heavy councils (eg Tavistock has 7 councillors and realistically only need 3)
- d) Planning Depts kept separate Cllr. Coleman expressed his hope that planning departments would remain separate so that any decisions would be considered by local councillors.
- e) Re-opening of Oke Plymouth railway could affect/contribute to success or failure of any merger of councils.
- f) Cllr. M. McIlwraith agreed to email his numerous thoughts on the One Council proposal directly to Cllr. Lois.
- g) Garden Waste Cllr. Thorley asked Cllr. Lois to check and report back at next meeting re take-up of new Garden Waste scheme.
- h) WDBC Planning Check List- the clerk asked if Cllr. Lois could find a more up-to-date WDBC planning check list than the 2013 one on its website.

2) Planning -

a) **2578/17/HHO** - Highelere, Sampford Courtenay – Miss. T. Brett – Householder application for removal of existing single storey extension and construction of new 2 storey rear extension and associated works.

SUPPORT

- b) 2593/17/AGR Hole Hill, Nr. Sampford Courtenay Mr Glynn Jackman Prior notification of proposed general purpose agricultural building.

 AG DETERMINATION PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED
- c) 2898/17/VAR Land at Brook Close, Sampford Courtenay Mr. L. Arscott Variation of condition #2 following grant of planning permission 03314/2012 to allow for pitched roof.

 SUPPORT

3) BT Phoneboxes

- Cllr. M. McIlwraith has confirmed with BT that the phone box at Sampford Station will not be removed in the near future. He has also asked that BT come and ensure all kiosks (especially those at Sampford Station and Sampford Chapel) are operational. (Cllrs. Thorley and McIlwraith to keep a regular check on this and report back to next meeting)
- 4) Himalayan Balsam control it had been reported by a parishioner that there is a lot of Himalayan Balsam in the river by the New Inn. The Clerk tried to get the Environmental Agency to come and address this issue but has been informed that it is now the responsibility of the landowner. SCPC would like to politely ask any landowners who have a problem with Himalayan Balsam to check out the following websites on how to deal with it. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at <u>SCPCClerk@aol.com</u> or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings Nov 21st and Dec 19th

Marion Pratt

Okehampton U3A University of the Third Age

The November meeting will take place at the Ockment Centre, North Street at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 30th November 2017

There will be a talk entitled

The Colour Wheel by Katy Chorozewska

Katy will take us on a tour of the colour wheel with anecdotes and stories of pigments and dyes from history to the present day. Katy is an extraordinary embroiderer. Google her name to see examples of her work.

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

<u>www.u3asites.org.uk/okehampton</u> or please contact our chairman at <u>ianinzeal@gmail.com</u>. If you would rather turn up and introduce yourself that's fine too.





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Hilary and Richard

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SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER BY POPULAR REQUEST

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Barry Ware

4th November
The Football Club are holding **a Quiz**in the Town Hall.
7.00 for 7.30 p.m. start.

£15.00 per team,maximum of 5 per team. You can pre-book a table on 89160 or just turn up on the night.

There will be a bar & draw. Proceeds for the 'Buy the Ground' fund.

The Guides are having a

Christmas Body Shop Party

on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.00 p.m. in the Mortimer Room in St. Peter's Church.

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16th December

Football Club Coffee Morning,

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News from Sampford Courtenay

Harvest Festival Evensong was held at St. Andrew's on Friday 29th September, followed by the Harvest Supper in the Church Rooms. The church was beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers, fruits and vegetables and a sizeable congregation attended. The lessons were read by Joe Stoneman and Richard Weeks, with intercessions led by Nicky Craig. The choir sang a version of the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis, followed by a Harvest anthem, and both choir and congregation sang a hymn especially written by Richard Edwards. In excess of 80 enjoyed a magnificent supper with cold meats and salads followed by a choice of puddings and cider. The profit from this event is to be sent to Water Aid.

Two teams of 16 from Sampford Courtenay and Bondleigh played each other in a skittles match in the village hall on Saturday, 30th September. Although Bondleigh were the ultimate winners, with 426 against Sampford's 420, they were only able to achieve this with the help of the home team's Squire family who, in excellent form, switched sides to even up the team numbers! Top lady for Sampford Courtenay was Ethel Nancekivell with 36, with Doris Piper and Christine Stoneman joint runners-up with 30. Top man was Dave Gillard, also with 30. Top lady for Bondleigh was Amy Squire with 36, with Karen Squire runner-up with 31. Top man was Tom Squire with 36 and runner-up John Warre with 35.

Shoebox Sunday was launched on 1st October and all shoeboxes are to be delivered to St. Andrew's by Sunday 29th October, **not** 5th November as previously advertised.

Sampford Courtenay Flower Club held its AGM in the village hall on Monday, 9th October and a full committee was elected. Debrah Hastings gave a talk and power point presentation entitled 'Gardening in Gold and Silks', illustrating the talk with further examples of her beautiful embroidery. Her demonstration of sewing with silk ribbons and gold thread was fascinating and her many designs were captivating. The next meeting on 13th November will be a workshop, so bring along some seasonal greenery. All other equipment needed will be provided by the speaker, Amanda Wilson.

Nicky Craig

Come and join us for tea/coffee, cake and a chat fortnightly on Tuesdays Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. in the Mortimer Room, St. Peter's Church.

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Dates: 14th, 28th November & 12th December 2017

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Smart Meter Rollout

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Smart meters are the simple way to visualise your energy use. They come with an in-home display that shows how much energy you're using in pounds and pence, and enable accurate bills instead of estimates. 7 million smart meters have already been installed in the UK, providing customers with greater information relating to their energy use; every home is to be offered a smart meter by 2020. Smart meters replace the traditional meters we currently have in our homes.

The Smart Energy GB in Communities fund is a central part of Smart Energy GB's work to ensure everyone in Great Britain hears about smart meters and knows how to use them to get their gas and electricity under control. DARE (Devon Association for Renewable Energy), your local energy experts, have received a grant to help spread the word about smart meters to people in the North Tawton area. DARE is completely independent and impartial and is not involved in the installation of smart meters. We want to offer objective advice to allow people to decide if a smart meter is right for them and dispel some of the myths surrounding this new technology.

This funding will allow DARE to educate, reassure and answer queries relating to getting a smart meter, our particular focus within this project is the over 65s without personal internet access. Much of the information on smart meters is available online and we feel that everyone should have access to all the material so they can make an informed decision. The fund is managed by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), which has 45 years' experience in designing and delivering strategic grant-making programmes to part of the Smart Energy GB in Communities programme, which is being delivered by a consortium of charities - National Energy Action (NEA), Energy Action Scotland (EAS) and CAF. Kirsty Tooke, Executive Manager at DARE said:

The aim of this project is to target the over 65's without personal internet access as this sector of the community are often the ones left in the dark and are not fully confident about new technology. We are of course happy to help answer anyone's queries and provide them with information about the smart meter rollout. We will provide quidance and reassurance regarding the rollout and try to allay any fears they might have so that they can fully embrace the changes taking place. Please contact DARE for more information on 01837 52600 or call in and see us at the Front Office, Okehampton Library, 4 North Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AR.

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We will also be holding a drop in surgery for anyone who would like some help and advice relating to smart meters. Please pop in and see us at the North Tawton Town Council office on Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 22nd November between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

SAMPFORD COURTENAY FLOWER & VEG SHOW MEETING 11.10.17

A very positive and productive meeting was held on 11th Oct to discuss the various suggestions that parishioners had made towards next year's Flower Show (18th Aug 2018). The schedule will include new classes, some of which you can start preparing for now; some will be described as "OPEN" Classes and will be open to anyone who wishes to enter from the Roundabout distribution area. To encourage more youngsters to get involved – all the Children's classes will be OPEN classes, with money prizes.

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News from the Castle

Hi everyone

Autumn is here and the colours through the gorge are just incredible. I am keeping everything crossed for some lovely autumn sunshine.

If I had to choose just one date for good weather, it is Friday 20th October. At 2 p.m. on that date we are to hold a small ceremony to officially switch on the newly reinstated turbine house down by the river. Work started in January to refurbish the turbines and get the technology ready to cope with operating again. Thank you to everyone for their interest, enthusiasm and support of this work. If you see this in time and would like to join us for the switching on ceremony, please contact me directly for an invitation.

The big work on the castle is still moving along well. The windows in the office corridor have just been removed for refurbishment – luckily it wasn't too windy that day! We have another Meet the Builders day coming up in half term too. Please pop along on Tuesday 24 October to have a go at pointing, chat with our masons and take a sneaky peek on to the building site (height restrictions apply). There will be plenty of people on hand to talk about the work currently underway on the castle, plus art and craft activities too.

Finally, we have started some lovely community projects relating to the First World War, especially focusing on the story of William George Arscott – a young lad from Drewsteignton. We are working with our friends at Okehampton College on a creative performance project to tell his story which we plan to perform at Castle Drogo in the new year. Also, in Drewsteignton, we will be looking at the correspondence that took place during the war, by letter and postcard, and where these letters travelled to. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more or if you have any information or stories that you think would add to these projects.

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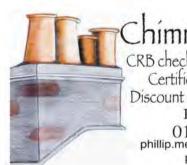
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