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From The Rectory

The eye is the lamp of the body

Replacing a light bulb used to be a very simple task. Having entered the room, you flick the switch to find that the bulb has blown, and you simply went to the cupboard to fetch a replacement. Then you stood on a chair and swapped the bust one for the new one, job done. Life was so much simpler in the "olden days".

For some reason, along with pu ng out the bins and bleeding radiators, light bulb changing tends to be a "man-job" in most households, don't you think? It is in ours. I don't know why, but perhaps it suits my limited male gi s. Now, I'm fully prepared to accept that as time goes by men are generally ge ng more useless (with the odd excep on of course... people like me!) but I maintain that light bulb replacing is actually a far more demanding task in our modern world than it ever was in the "olden days". It requires not just basic problem solving skills as it once did, but long-term planning and regular audi ng, such that a su ciently resilient light bulb supply-chain is constantly in place in the home. This is especially a problem at this dark me of year when demand is high for light bulbs. Therefore, the household illumina on supervisor (me) is working doubly hard to maintain the system and reduce the risk of sudden darkness in the downstairs loo (for example). Essen ally, the problem we face these days is that you can have a full cupboard of spare light bulbs in your man-cave, but you haven't got the one you need - a 46 wa ECO LED E27 "screwy-in" one. You've only got classic warm-white 60 wa bayonet ones, and all your experience in the household illumina on industry has told you they don't fit in the bed-side lamp you got from Ikea last winter.

You will be pleased to know that a er a trip to the shops the problem was solved, for now. And somewhere in the process I was reminded of one of the less well-known quotes of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount, when he said, "The eye is the lamp of the body." It's a rather curious phrase, because unless you are a baddie in a sci-fi film, eyes don't actually light up anything. Eyes are not like light-bulbs, rather they absorb light from outside. And even if we do think of them as lights we would tend to say they light up the outside world for us and not the inner world of our bodies. Nevertheless, Jesus said, "the eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good your whole body will be full of light" (Ma hew 6:22)

At the beginning of this new year I'm sure many of you have been looking ahead and pung plans in place. The diary has been out on the table and key dates have been inserted—birthdays, annual leave, term dates, high days and holidays. Maybe you are glad to see the back of 2017? Perhaps you have par cular hopes for 2018? Maybe you've made the odd resolu on with every intenion of sicking to it as the

year progresses. One thing I'm trying to do this year is monitor a bit be er the things I watch and read. We're being more careful about what our children see as well. With the prolifera on of screens available to us all these days, I think we would do well to keep an eye on where our eyes rest. Less screen- me and more face-to-face time in 2018. I think.

Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when he said, "the eye is the lamp of the body." If the eye is like the bed-side lamp or the window in an otherwise dark room, then what it emits will have a huge aff ct on the space it commands. What we allow our eyes to see will profoundly in uence our inner world – our thinking and feeling. I'm not an expert on social media, in fact most of it seems profoundly unsociable to me, but I'm aware there is an increasing body of evidence to suggest that the more technologically connected we become the more di cult we find it to form deep and meaningful rela onships. I remember thirty years ago being told by adults that I should be careful what I watch on TV. "What's wrong with Crackerjack and Top of the Pops?" I thought. Well, probably not very much, and I was able to keep things in perspec ve. But now the olden days of four TV channels and simple bayonet light blubs have long gone. We live in a digital jungle. Armed with an iPhone, a connec on, and a weak conscience, anyone can download pornography, empty their bank account on a be ng site, shop 'I they drop on Amazon, or pointlessly gossip away on social media un | I 2am making themselves feel falsely superior at the expense of others. We have the power to switch off, so why don't we?

Jesus goes on to say, "if your eyes are good your whole body will be full of light." This means that if our eyes are fix d on things that are good - worthwhile, meaningful and sound – then our whole lives will be the be er for it. Like switching on the bed-side light when the alarm goes off first thing in the morning, the way forward into the day is made clear and the danger of stubbing your toe on the bedroom door is averted. But if we allow our eyes to rest unchecked on poten ally destruc ve influ nces, we may think we are being enlightened, but instead we could be filling our lives with smoky darkness.

If only changing a light bulb were as easy as it used to be. If only it were easier to stop the ever-increasing flow of data into our homes and into our minds. I'm no technophobe. I love the iMac I'm using to type this on. But I'm also looking forward to switching it off later and fixing my eyes somewhere be er. Maybe 2018 should be the year we disconnect digitally to reconnect physically, and it starts with our eyes.

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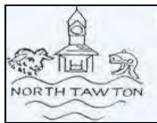
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Public Conveniences

Following numerous anti-social behaviour incidents in the public conveniences during late November and December and then an incident of disgusting anti-social behaviour on the 29th December 2017 a decision was made to close the toilets for a temporary period. These incidents by a couple/group of youths will not be tolerated.

The police have been informed and if you have any information that you can pass on to the police please phone **101** and quote crime reference **CR/109935/17**.

The Town Council has had meetings with the police and they will be monitoring the situation closely. Outside lighting has now been installed and upon advice from the police a CCTV camera has also been installed.

Household refuse being dumped in litterbins and salt bins - a plea to residents

Please could we ask residents not to put household refuse in the public litter bins. Litter bins are provided for pedestrian litter and for dog waste – these items can't be disposed of in the public bins if they are full of household refuse. The Town Council has to pay separately for the emptying of litter bins. The increasing amount of household refuse in litter bins has been noticed by the operatives who empty the bins – if they decide to monitor this issue, those responsible may be issued with fixed penalty notices, which no-one wants to see happen, so please put your household refuse out for collection or for recycling in the normal way.

Similarly, please don't put rubbish into the salt bins. It won't be collected from these bins, it stops the bins being filled up with salt, and it prevents people being able to use the salt in the bins if it is covered in refuse. No-one wants accidents to happen which could have been avoided if the salt and grit provided had been readily usable.

30 mph speed limit - changes

The Council would like to remind residents that the 30 mph speed limit has now been extended to the far side of the entrance to Batheway Fields, approaching from High Street. Please be aware of the location of the 30 mph speed limit both when leaving the town, and when approaching the town from De Bathe Cross, thank you.

Parking on yellow lines and blocking entranceways

The Council has received a number of complaints over the past few months about these issues – most recently in North Street, where cars are parked for lengthy periods on double yellow lines, and also partially blocking the entrance to private car parking areas. The Council is actively working to try and identify solutions to various ongoing parking and traffic issues, which may prove difficult as we are all aware. Parking enforcement officers have apparently been visiting the town on various days and enforcement notices have been issued, so please be aware of this and make every effort to park within the terms of any relevant traffic regulations, and please do not block access to people's parking areas – thank you for your cooperation.

Public Art Working Group

We are making one more appeal for interested residents to contact us with a view to joining this new working group. There is some Section 106 planning funding available; this is funding which is required to be contributed by developers to facilitate Public Art. There is no strict definition as to what projects may qualify for this funding, and volunteer members do not have to have any special training or qualifications – this is about enhancing the Town in which we live and work in ways which hopefully everyone will enjoy. Please contact one of the Town Clerks if you think you might be interested – you can come along to the first meeting of the group and see what it is all about, without making an ongoing commitment. We really want residents to get involved, so please get in touch, we need your ideas!

North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan - message from Cllr. Ms. J. Trewhitt

I would like to thank everybody who came along to the consultation event on the 6th January, and also those who have completed a comments form. It's really important for us to receive feedback and comments on the Plan.

The next stage is for the Neighbourhood Plan Development Group to document all the comments received from residents, local businesses and statutory consultees and to consider any changes that will need to be made to the Plan in the light of these comments. Once this is done we will submit the Plan to West Devon for them to undertake a further 6 week consultation - this is the regulation 15 stage. After that the Plan will be subject to formal examination by an external examiner. If at the end of all this the examiner is happy with it, the final, and most important stage, is the referendum.

So after several years in the making we are hoping and anticipating that later this year the Plan will be formally adopted. Fingers crossed!

Jean Trewhitt

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Project Group

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Our new year meeting started with a visit from Kirsty Tooke from DARE who came to give us a brief talk on Smart Meters and answer any questions we had on them.

Our main speaker, to begin the year was Sue Parkes, our President, who gave a very interesting talk entitled "My Father's Medals". Sue chronicled her father's life from the age of 16 in 1939 when after considering which service he would join, chose the R.A.F.. Sent firstly to Canada for training and then seconded to the South African Air Force he joined the Franklin crew flying In August 1944 the crew were detailed to Liberators. drop supplies to Warsaw but having been picked up by German searchlights the crew had to fly low level for the whole round trip taking just under 11 hours in nightmare conditions. The Polish Government (in exile) wanted to award medals to those who took part in the Warsaw drop but Churchill was against this declaring that no medals could be awarded from an Iron Curtain country. It was not until 1992 that those members of the crew who were still alive were able to receive their medal from the Polish Embassy in London. In 1994 he travelled to Warsaw for 6 days to attend a service and wreath laying and was happily surprised to be treated like a hero. Although Sue's father passed away in 2010 at the age of 87, Sue was proud to show us the medal awarded by the Polish Embassy which attests to his and other crew members' exceptional bravery helping a beleaguered nation survive.

After a break for refreshments the business part of the meeting was held.

The Bollywood dancing afternoon with Sophie Davies had been greatly enjoyed by the members who attended and it was hoped there would be a repeat event.

It was decided that the film afternoons would be stopped due to the problems of having enough interested members to make it viable.

The Birthday lunch will take place at Exeter College on February 21st.

Jane Hunt-Webb Secretary

North Tawton Baby and Toddler Group

Come and join our friendly group on Fridays in term time at North Tawton Rugby Club.

We are changing our times to <u>11:00 - 13:00</u> but you are still welcome to bring lunch along.

New members always welcome, with plenty to do from newborns to school age.

The first Friday of each month will be an away day, meeting locally at a child friendly location.

ANTS Panto



ANTS will perform their Pantomime, "Happily Ever After" from Tuesday 13th February to Saturday 17th February 2018 inclusive, in North Tawton Town Hall. The script has been written by our own Alfie Budd and is a clever twist on a traditional pantomime storyline. All the usual characters are there to cheer, laugh and boo at, but with references to music from the 60's, 70's and 80's throughout. We have a number of new members joining us for this production, with some very strong singers, together with some familiar faces you will recognise, we're sure!

Tickets are priced at £7.50 per adult and £4.50 for 12 and under and will be available from North Tawton Post Office.

So come and join us on a rockin' and rollin' adventure to see if the good guys can defeat the plot of the evil baddy and his henchman, not to mention the shark. The shark?

(I told you not to mention the shark!)

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To mark one hundred years since the signing of the Armistice in 1918, local historian, Alan Parkinson, has written a commemoration for performance in October, showing how our local community was affected by the world war from 1914 -18. Alan's script requires actors, speakers, (some of whose parts may be recorded in advance) singers to perform songs of the period, (in which the audience will be invited to join) and it will make use of photographs and letters of the period.

Anyone interested in taking part is invited to a preliminary meeting in the Mortimer Room at St. Peter's Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March when we shall give more details about the event, sing some of the songs to be used, and give auditions for those who wish to be considered for acting, singing or speaking roles. Rehearsals will start in earnest in September.

It may be you are interested but unable to attend on 20th March. If so, please contact before 20th March:

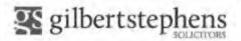
Richard Edwards (01837 82376) if you would like to be involved in the singing.

John Palmer (01837 851659) if you would like to be an actor or speaker.

Acting roles will involve learning your part. Speakers' and Singers roles will not! Please also come along if you may be interested to help in front house or backstage. All are welcome!

The Commemoration is written so that it can be put together at short notice. Preliminary rehearsals are likely to be on three Tuesdays in September: 11th, 18th, 25th, two Tuesday evenings in October: 2nd and 9th (the 9th to be the "Dress Rehearsal") before performance at the end of that week.





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Launch of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

January 1st marked a milestone for North Tawton Primary and 14 other Devon schools when the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust came into being.

Talks between the schools began some two years ago as they all shared Co-Operative principles and had started to work together; the plan to join a formal grouping grew and after extensive consultation, each separate governing board voted in November to convert to academy status as part of the new group which is overseen by one board of trustees.

The Multi Academy Trust (or MAT) is one of the largest ever formed in the South West and is responsible for over 5,000 pupils & students and 750 staff in fifteen school sites. The MAT has been organised in five geographical clusters to ensure that local governance and accountability remain strong - each cluster will retain its own governing board. It is felt likely that additional schools might want to join the MAT in the future and the cluster arrangement will make that possible.

In addition to North Tawton Primary and Foundation Unit the schools involved are: Okehampton College, Tavistock College, Holsworthy Community College, Okehampton Primary School and Foundation Unit, Boasley Cross Community Primary School, Black Torrington Church of England Primary School, Bradford Primary School, Bridgerule Church of England Primary School, Chagford Church of England Primary School and Preschool, Exbourne Church of England Primary School, Lydford Primary School, Northlew and Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary School and South Tawton Primary School and Preschool. Highampton Primary School will join the Trust later this year.

The MAT is delighted that the Diocese of Exeter has secured St. James Church of England Primary School in Okehampton and the Trust is planning to work closely with them in establishing the school and look forward to it joining the MAT in the future.

The Trustees' first task has been to appoint a strong and highly experienced senior leadership team for the MAT: Daryll Chapman, previously Executive Principal of the Dartmoor Federation has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer and Hazel Fox, Head Teacher of Okehampton Primary School as Vice CEO.

Ian Courtney MBE, Chair of the new Board of Trustees said "We are absolutely delighted to have been able to appoint such an outstanding leadership team from the outset of the new MAT. A huge amount of thought and care has gone into our plans which have now been approved by the Department for Education. It is clear that this family of schools shares a common ethos and principles and we all believe that by working closely together in partnership, we can provide our young people with a superb education and help them develop into confident, engaging and outgoing members of our society. I want to encourage as many people as possible to engage with us to help make our plans a reality."

North Tawton will be part of a cluster of schools with South Tawton and Chagford. The three schools will have a single governing board and this, as I write, is being formed. One of their first tasks will be to appoint senior leadership roles at the three schools.

As headteacher of North Tawton, I feel that joining the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust will provide fantastic opportunities for the whole school community. The vast majority of our pupils move on to Okehampton College so this seems a natural step for the school. Working collaboratively across the MAT should enable us to provide the best possible start in life for the children of North Tawton and for those in the other schools who are part of this exciting venture.

Best wishes

Nick Alford Headteacher



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The latest meeting was held on Thursday, January 4th, in the village hall. Everyone was welcomed and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Mrs. McILwraith, from Sampford Courtenay Cider Farm, who gave a very informative talk on the history of cider through the ages and how they started at Solland Farm by planting the orchards. She also explained how the cider is made from gathering the apples to the very exacting job of tasting the ciders to make sure that every year's different sorts taste the same as the vear before.

After the tea break the business was dealt with. The Annual Dinner, to be held on March 22nd, was discussed and the venue to be decided at the next meeting. The resolutions for the Annual Meeting were discussed and voted on.

The Group Meeting to be held on April 11th at Exbourne was also discussed as to competitions, etc. A team of four was picked for the County Quiz on Saturday, February 18th.

FOM winners were Doris Piper and Sally Kenealy and the winners of the competition were Ann Leaman and Margaret Hawkins.

The next meeting is on Thursday, February 1st, in the village hall at 2.30pm, when the speaker will be Bryan Hollingsworth from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Non-members always welcome.

Margaret Weeks

Bondleigh Rainfall

December rainfall totalled 136.4mm compared to only 26.8mm last year. Although it seemed to be a very wet month more than half of this rain fell between Christmas and New Year. It was just a bit wetter than average. 2017 was quite a dry year with 963.9mm (37.9ins). In the first six months rainfall was only 291mm. Unfortunately, after Midsummer it all went rapidly downhill.

To give an idea of annual amounts. 2012 was very wet at 1380mm (54.33ins), but 2010 was one of our driest years at only 715.8mm (28.1ins). I have over 20 years of data, so if any of you have a passion for rainfall figures just let me know!

Danny Semorad



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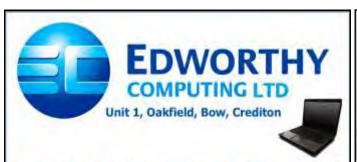
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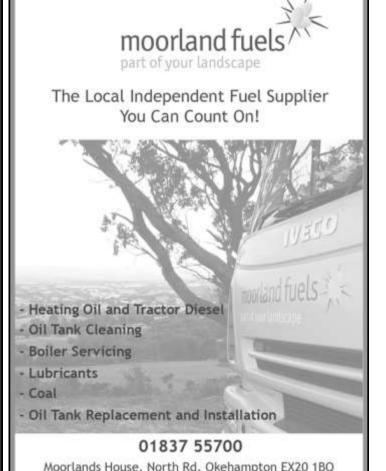
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SCPC Meeting 21st Nov 2017.

Annual Playground Inspection has taken place, with only a few minor items of maintenance to attend to.

Eastern Links Meeting – SCPC were granted £500 TAP Fund money to help towards replacing the Noticeboard in the square.

Volunteers – Cllr. Wilson is still looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with the SCPC Resilience Plan and in putting together a Parish Plan to outline how locals wish to see Sampford Courtenay develop in the future.

War Memorial – New plans should have been submitted to WDBC so that project can be completed before 11th Nov 2018.

SCPC Christmas Card – As part of a new communications policy, parishioners should have received a Christmas Card inviting them to opt into our various Social Media pages to keep up-to-date with, and give feedback to, SCPC actions and decisions on your behalf. We would appreciate your feedback on this initiative.

Happy New Year – to all Sampford Courtenay parishioners and friends in our neighbouring parishes.

Minutes of SCPC December meeting can be viewed on our Website.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCClerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings Feb 20th.

Marion Pratt

Sampford Courtenay Flower and Veg Show 11th August, 2018

Spring is just around the corner So check out which fruit and vegetables you should be planting in order to enter the Flower Show this year.

Plus to protect your young seedlings you may want to build yourself a **Scarecrow** Another chance to enter the show. Look out for more details of when to get your entries in, and your scarecrow positioned at the front of your property for judging

Check out other classes you may wish to start preparing for on Sampford Courtenay Website. Or Facebook page.

Please note new date for Flower Show – it is going to be a week earlier to fit in with the judges!





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I am also really looking forward to a few exciting events and activities coming up over the next couple of months. Firstly, we are working in partnership with Okehampton College and a national project called 'Away from the Western Front' on a First World War music and drama project which will end with a performance on-site at Drogo on Friday 9th March. If you get chance, please do pop up that day to see the students in action.

The start of the new season brings a new art installation in the Library too. We were delighted to receive some funding from Arts Council England and have been working with artist Edward Crooks who is creating a piece of work inspired by the architecture of Castle Drogo. As part of this, we have also been able to work with a smashing group of young people from Play Torbay in Torquay who have spent time with Edward testing out ideas. The new display opens on Saturday 3 March and is then open 7 days a week until the end of October half term.

Finally, we are also part of a HLF funded project called Heritage Ability which is supporting heritage sites to be more accessible for people with disabilities. This includes deaf and disability training for staff and volunteers, developing an accessibility guide and creating a signed tour for Deaf people. We are so proud to be part of this project.

If you would like to know more about any of these activities, please do get in touch. Here's to a fabulous 2018!

Paula

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

News from Sampford Courtenay

St. Andrew's Patronal Festival was celebrated at a special service on 26th November, followed by refreshments. The month of December was busy with the Christmas Bazaar in the Church Rooms on Saturday 2nd, followed on the Sunday by the Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society. 40 Christingles, made up of oranges, candles and sweets, were lit and distributed amongst the congregation, making it a very colourful and festive occasion.

The Okehampton Tractor and Ploughing club, which meets monthly at The Countryman, braved the inclement weather on 10th December for a tractor run, which started at Appledore Farm and finished with lunch at The Countryman.

The flower club held its Christmas party on 11th December, following a demonstration by Charlotte Dawe entitled 'This and a bit of Christmas tat'. The New Inn hosted 'Carols at the Inn' on 12th December, in aid of Children's Hospice South West, and generously provided mulled wine and mince pies.

The candlelit carol service was held on 17th December and Christmas Bingo on 20th December. On 3rd January Peter Reddaway died and the village lost one of its favourite characters. Born and raised in Sampford Courtenay, he lived there all his life, contributing enormously to its upkeep and well-being. If something needed doing Peter did it, often at his own expense and always with expertise. He will be hugely missed by his family and friends and our condolences go to his wife Shirley, son Paul and granddaughter Amy. A thanksgiving service will be held at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, 23rd January at 2.00 p.m.

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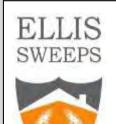
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