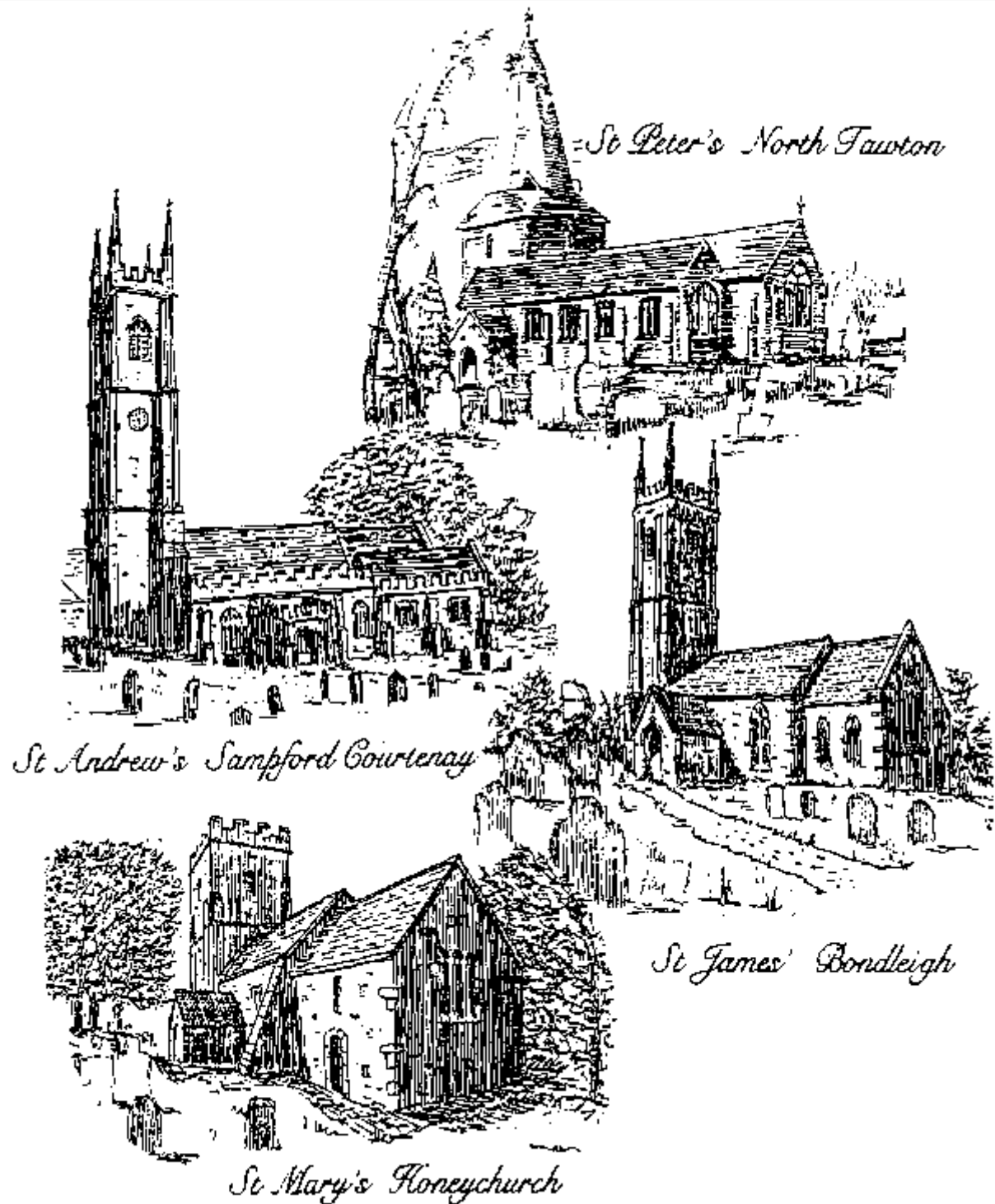


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## From The Rectory

### Mary, Mary, not quite so contrary

There's a new Biblical movie out. *Mary Magdalene* – it's been showing at Okehampton cinema during March. I've not seen it, and to be honest I probably won't unless it comes out in some other format. Cinema trips in our household tend to be to more family friendly films, like *Peter Rabbit*. Also, I often wince at the prospect of another Hollywood biblical epic. The track record is patchy at best. *Jesus of Nazareth* was mainly brilliant, and it is the standard by which all other "Jesus films" are judged. It is now a little clichéd though, I think. *The Last Temptation of Christ* was pointlessly controversial and very offensive to Christians. *Jesus Christ Superstar* has great music (if you like Lloyd Webber musicals, that is) but it questions the divinity of Jesus and oddly stops short of the resurrection at the end. *The Passion of the Christ* was excellent in many ways but is too much like a horror movie in parts. For me, nothing beats *The Miracle Maker*: a stop-motion animated film of the life and ministry of Christ. The children at school will be familiar with it, because I often use clips from it in assembly. I love its beautiful animated depiction of many of the best-known instances in the story of Jesus. But most of all, I love it for its faithfulness to the Gospels.

I gather from reading the press reports about *Mary Magdalene* that the film sets out to refute the commonly held assumption that Mary was a prostitute before Jesus redeemed her. She almost certainly wasn't one. Mary of Magdala (a town on the western shore of Lake Galilee) is identified in the Bible as having evil spirits cast out of her by Jesus, and being present at the key events in the last week of his life. From the movie trailers, it seems the film focuses on these facts rather than the myths. If this is the case, then it will be a film worth seeing. But of course, nothing beats going to the Bible itself to find out exactly what happened.

The myth that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute comes mainly from the wrongly held assumption that she was the unnamed "sinful woman" who poured perfume on the feet and head of Jesus. It is a view still held in some Christian traditions today, but the facts in the Bible simply don't add up. The Gospel writers - Matthew, Mark and Luke do not name the woman with the alabaster jar of perfume in their accounts. John does, but he reports that it is Mary of Bethany, the daughter of Lazarus, who anoints Jesus. And Luke introduces Mary Magdalene, seemingly for the first time, in the very next chapter of his gospel after the anointing. One report I read about *Mary Magdalene* suggests that the film enters "deeply contentious territory" by seeking to clear Mary's name of prostitution. Well, despite not having seen it yet, and on the basis of the very favourable reviews in the Christian press as well, I would suggest that merely adhering to the Biblical portrayal of Mary should hardly be seen as controversial.

So it is there I want to place our focus as we approach Easter 2018. Mary Magdalene played a key role in the events of the first Easter as portrayed in the Bible. Her witness to the ages to come is not that she was a redeemed prostitute. Neither does it matter so much that Jesus cast seven demons out of her, wonderful though that was. Her testimony is not really about her at all. Instead, her life and witness point to the most essential of Christian realities, namely that, "Christ is risen!" Three out of the four gospel writers place Mary Magdalene at the crucifixion, naming her specifically along with the other women who were there. Most of the male disciples had already fled at this point. But Mary is depicted throughout the events of those agonizing hours as the model of Christian commitment and heartfelt discipleship. She is there at the cross when Jesus dies, and crucially she sees where he is buried also; the point being that Jesus really did die and was buried, and that Mary of Magdala – a woman in a man's world – is the key witness to these facts. That is what is so striking about her. So when she goes to the tomb early on the Sunday morning it is the eyes of this faithful, female disciple that are so blessed to first witness the staggering reality that Jesus is risen.

I think to focus on what the church has historically got wrong about Mary Magdalene is to miss the point, and it looks like the new movie serves the viewer well in that regard. The story of Mary Magdalene is about her devotion to Jesus as her Saviour, Master and Friend. He is the Lord who died to save her, and us, and was raised to life to bring us back to God. But I suppose if people, not least the church, can get the wrong idea about Mary Magdalene then all the more easily can we get the wrong idea about Jesus. Well, I hope over the next couple of weeks of Bank Holidays, spring flowers and chocolate we will not make that mistake. I pray this Easter that we will all come again to the foot of the cross to confess our shortcomings and our need of redemption, and then on to the empty tomb which alone gives fresh hope and new life to our souls.

There is one other myth about Mary Magdalene. I like this one, but I think it is even less true than the prostitute myth. This one places her in Rome, some time after the resurrection, at dinner with the Emperor Tiberius. When she tries to convince him of the truth of the resurrection of Christ, legend has it that Tiberius laughs at her. Mary happens to be holding an egg in her hand, and he says, "a man rising from the dead is no more possible than that egg turning red before our eyes." Well, guess what happens next? What a great story! It's a shame it's not true. But the truth behind the myth is.

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This picture was omitted last month, but, alas, the food bank still is in operation. Please continue to remember those who need help via the Food Bank box (above) in St. Peter's Church porch.

**Remembered a century on,  
casualties of the Great War.**

**Private Ernest Brealey of the  
Duke of Cornwall's Light  
Infantry. He died on 15th  
April, 1918 aged 27, and is  
buried in the Aire  
Communal Cemetery in St  
Quentin, France. He lived in  
High Street, North Tawton.**



**Private George Northcott of  
the 1st Battalion, Dorset  
Regiment.**

**He died on 19th April, 1918 aged 35 and is  
buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery in  
France. He was the son of Frederick  
Northcott of Exeter Street, North Tawton.**

**Private Harry Avery of the 2nd Battalion,  
Devonshire Regiment. He died on April 24th  
1918 aged 18 and is buried in Adelaide  
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He lived in Globe Cottages, North Tawton**

We announced in 1914 our intention of remembering the local First World War casualties in "Roundabout" in the month a century after they died. It occurred to us that there may be those living locally today who might wish to have the name remembered of a relative who fell in that conflict, even though he went to fight from a different part of the United Kingdom and we invited anyone who wished to pass the details of their relative to us to be included at the right time.

Below is such a case:

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OkeRail Community Interest Company - a not for profit organisation - was formed in early 2016 with the aim of promoting and resurrecting a regular daily rail service between Okehampton and Exeter. Residents may recall that Dr. Michael Ireland, the Vice Chairman of OkeRail, gave a talk on this subject at the North Tawton Annual Town Meeting in 2017. Since then, the Chair of North Tawton Town Council, Cllr. Steve Whiteley, has joined the OkeRail Forum and regularly attends their meetings.

The Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, recently made this announcement: "We have instructed GWR to prepare plans to introduce regular train services to Okehampton, with the objective of securing a credible and costed plan for delivering an all-week, all-year train service between Exeter and Okehampton as soon as reasonably practicable."

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## From the Archives – 20 years ago

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We are fast approaching our AGM on May 5<sup>th</sup> when we shall have a new Committee and a new programme for the next year. Come and join us as visitors to see what the North Tawton WI can offer when you will be made very welcome.

*Jane Hunt-Webb*

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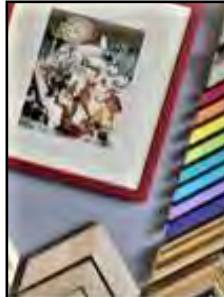


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North Tawton Twinning will be hosting a small party of 8 visitors from Blangy Le Chateau May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of events planned for their short visit. But there is room for you to join us on any/all of the events if you would like to come and see what it is all about.

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Reception at White Hart – 11 am
- Tour of Arla, Taw Valley Cheese Factory – 1pm
- Meal at New Inn Sampford Courtenay – 6pm
- Music Evening at Winkleigh Sports Centre – 8pm

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Guided Tour of Exeter Cathedral – 10.15 am – 11.30 am
- Red Coat Guided Tour from Cathedral to the Quay – 11.30 am – 1pm
- Lunch at On the Water Front.
- Free time on the Quay
- Meal at The Railway, North Tawton 7.30 pm

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Cider Tasting at The Cider Vat – Sampford Courtenay – 11am
- Cold/Salad lunch and Games afternoon

For more information and to **book a place** contact Marion Pratt on 82285 or email [marion174@btinternet.com](mailto:marion174@btinternet.com)

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I mentioned in the last issue that we were holding a reading photography competition over the half term holiday. The response from the children was amazing! Pupils from across the school were caught reading in a variety of unusual places. We had children in the lambing shed, on tractors, on the moors and even at the NASA Space Centre in Florida. It was a tough decision but in the end the four winners, who all received a certificate and book token were, James in Y5, Eleanor in Y4, Sam in Y6 and Tilda in reception. The snow day at the beginning of March meant we had to delay our World Book Day celebrations by a week. Despite this, the children and staff really entered in to the spirit with some fantastic costumes. Children in our foundation unit used Julia Donaldson books for inspiration while KS1 had the theme of Roald Dahl and KS2 had the books of David Walliams, meaning we had some very scary looking Demon Dentists and a few brave souls who came as The Boy in the Dress. It made it a very special day and hopefully it will continue to inspire the children to read.



There was a sighting of a dragon over the school a few weeks back. It also appeared to leave a nest in the school field with a strange looking egg and some bones. This was all part of a writing day we set up in school to inspire the children. It certainly worked as they were very excited throughout the day and produced some fantastic and very imaginative pieces!

North Tawton children enjoyed a very good result in the recent Rotary Club Primary Schools' Quiz. After having qualified from our heat, the children progressed to the final held in the Octagon Theatre at Okehampton College. After a tough evening of quizzing the NT team finished in fourth place. It was a great achievement not least as 18 teams started the competition in the qualifying rounds, so congratulations to our team of Charlotte, Amy, Sam and Ellie who are all in Year 6.

The school recently had a day of activities to mark Safer Internet Day. This is aimed at keeping children safe online and helps children recognise potential dangers when they use the internet. Mrs. Ware, who is the school's online safety officer, has set up a team of e-leaders who are our go to team for ICT issues including online safety. They proudly wear a badge to identify themselves and worked with Mrs. Ware to lead a school assembly on the subject. The e-leaders are: Emily and Ted from Y2, Harvey and Louis from Y3, Jimmy and Cobie from Y4, James and Alice from Y5 and Courtney and Saxon from Y6.

The Dartmoor MAT is now three months old and, as you can imagine with any new organisation, it's been a very busy period. The governors are currently in the process of putting the leadership structure in place including recruiting an executive headteacher who will oversee North Tawton along with South Tawton and Chagford. We should know the outcome of this appointment shortly after Easter. It's not without sadness on my part that I report I will be leaving North Tawton at the end of this school year. As you may be aware, I was appointed as an interim head to oversee the transition into the newly formed MAT. I have recently accepted a new headship post at Shebbear Community School and will start in September. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at North Tawton and have particularly liked getting to know the staff and families of the school as well as the wider community. There are still some months to go and I'll endeavour to ensure there is a smooth transition to the new leadership of the school.

I couldn't finish without mention of the recent snow. The school did close for a couple of days. This is always a difficult decision but I do feel it was the right one. The children certainly enjoyed playing in the snow which is a rare treat. And schools being schools .... we made them write all about it when they came back in on Monday!

Best wishes

Nick Alford  
Headteacher

E.H.S.C. Country Show,  
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## Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

There was no meeting on March 1st because of the weather. The next meeting is in Sampford Courtenay village hall on Thursday April 5th at 7.30 p.m. ( the first evening meeting of the year). The speaker will be the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner. Non members very welcome.

*Margaret Weeks*

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### **Sampford Courtenay Village Hall**

A few dates for your diary: -

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Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Quiz and Pudding Evening**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm

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Forthcoming dates:

WHIST

Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

BINGO

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.



### **April Events at Okehampton Library**

#### **Monday 9th April 10:30-11:30 – Flying Books**

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**1st Tuesday of the month** (excluding Aug & Sept) **15:45-16:45 - Bookworms**

Book Club for ages 7-11 Free - no booking necessary

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**SCPC Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

- War memorial** – the architect is confident that we can expect a completion date for this project of 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- BT** – SCPC has received a positive response to their letter to BT Chairman; an engineer’s report on all 3 phone boxes has been commissioned.
- Village Fete – 16<sup>th</sup> June at Culverhayes** – SCPC have been asked for funding to support this event. Discussions between SCPC and the Fete Committee are on-going to come up with a proposal that will show inclusivity for as many parishioners as possible.
- Oke Rail** – Cllr Friend was able to read out the following positive announcement from Rt. Hon Chris Grayling MP – Secretary of State for Transport **“In addition we have instructed GWR to prepare plans to introduce regular train services to Okehampton, with the objective of securing a credible and costed plan for delivering an all-week, all-year train service between Exeter and Okehampton as soon as reasonably practicable.”**
- Footpaths** – please check out a new page under “Parish Council” on our website where there is a Map to download which summarises SCPC P3 Applications this year.

Full Minutes of SCPC meetings can be viewed on our Website.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at [SCPCclerk@aol.com](mailto:SCPCclerk@aol.com) or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Marion Pratt*



**Sampford Courtenay Flower Club**

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall  
9th April at 2.30 p.m.

**Pat Boundy**  
**‘It’s About Time**

Tea hostess - Doris Piper

**Bondleigh Rainfall**

February has finally brought a change in the weather pattern. Total rainfall was only 34.1mm which all fell in the first half of the month. February is often quite a dry month but can become cold, as has happened this year.

*Danny Semorad*

**Sampford Courtenay Flower and Veg Show 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018**



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- Bug Hotel** – lots of ideas on Pinterest.

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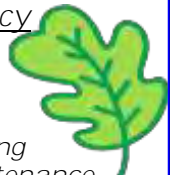
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### News from the Castle

Hi everyone

The new season at Castle Drogo is underway with some exciting changes to the presentation of the castle. Lots of the protection work has been taken down in the rooms along the green corridor so we can once again see the views from those windows. It's been a few years! We are especially excited about the new art installation in the Library. It has been created by artist Edward Crookes and is inspired by the wonderful architecture Lutyens designed in Castle Drogo. It is very striking and quite wonderful – I hope you enjoy it. Also, we will finally be able to open the chapel again this year. The access route is a long way (via the rhododendron garden and around the south end of the building) but it does make for an interesting explore and quite an adventure. It definitely feels like we are on the home stretch now.

We have just completed a lovely community project. As part of a Heritage Lottery Fund project called Away From the Western Front, we have worked with music and drama students at Okehampton College to create performance pieces inspired by the story of a young man from Drewsteignton called William George Arscott. William was a labourer at Castle Drogo at the start of the First World War. He enlisted immediately and ended up fighting in the campaign in Salonika in Greece. The students from the college explored and researched his story to inform the music and drama they created before performing it in the Chapel at Castle Drogo. It was truly beautiful.

As many of you know, we introduced car park charging last summer to help fund the amazing work the ranger team do in the Teign Valley. So far, the income raised has enabled us to invest in our woodland track and path networks to make it easier for us all to get about. We have also employed contractors to undertake scrub clearance works on Piddledown common, which is vital for the continued health of the heathland and the habitat of Fritillary butterflies. Thank you to everyone for their support of this and helping us to care for this wonderful landscape.

Paula Clark

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo  
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### News from Sampford Courtenay

The snow which fell on 1<sup>st</sup> March meant the cancelling and rescheduling of a few events, including the tractor club meeting, at The Countryman and Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI meeting. However, the launch of the New Inn's new coffee lounge went ahead. The first of two lent lunches was held at Weirford House, courtesy of Mike and Avril Flanagan, following a mid-week service of Holy Communion on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Mothering Sunday brought a bit of colour into an otherwise gloomy period as posies of daffodils, made up by Shirley Reddaway, were presented to members of St. Andrew's congregation.

*Nicky Craig*

### St Andrew's Lent Lunch

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Following a service of Holy Communion at 12 noon

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Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Compline at 9.00pm

Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Holy Communion and stripping the altar at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
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## Spring Embroidery Fair

Cheriton Bishop Branch will again be holding their Spring Embroidery Fair in April 2018. The dates for this event in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall, are Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. admission free.

We warmly invite you to our Fair, which is now into its twentieth year and hope to provide you with a lively exhibition. On show will be a varied mix of embroidery and textile art, with examples of members' work resulting from workshops and day schools, as well as individual members' displays and stands, with some items for sale. There will be on-going demonstrations throughout the weekend and a number of trade stalls with fabrics, threads and books, making this fair a real celebration of all aspects of contemporary and traditional embroidery. New for 2018 is a World War I themed archive of popular embroidery, fashion, and sewing items from the era; plus a colourful display following the group's recent study tour to India.

Otherwise reluctant spouses may be attracted by the delicious homemade lunches, which are definitely an added bonus to your day! Children (and everyone else!) are very welcome to 'have a go' on a demonstration table.

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The History Section of the Devonshire Association are holding a meeting

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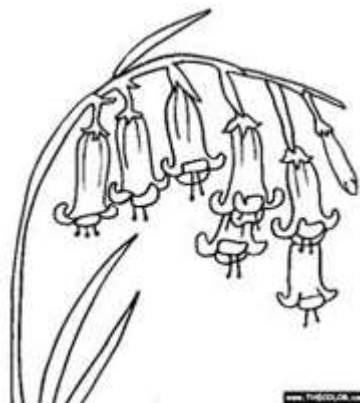
### Distinctiveness of Sampford Courtenay and the part it played in the Prayer Book Rebellion

The morning session will be held at the Village Hall starting 10.30a.m. and finishing 1p.m.

It will include a visit to St. Andrew's Church and the Church House.

We would like to hear from anyone with historical knowledge of the village who may wish to contribute in some way. Perhaps a short talk or in the provision of written or photographic material.

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### North Tawton Community Wellbeing Event Pop in and find out more!

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There will be lots of stalls and activities for all ages. The areas of interest will cover community transport, the neighbourhood plan, housing, welfare and debt advice, support for families, youth services, learning, advocacy, saving energy, the natural environment, good physical and mental health, volunteering, as well as social and creative activities.

The event has something for everyone. So whether you are retired and free in the afternoon, or if you are parents collecting your children from school, or you are college or sixth form students, or if you are returning home from work, come and see what is on offer.

There will be some fun creative activities on offer as well as refreshments kindly donated by local businesses.

We are keen to involve as many local community organisations as possible.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in – we look forward to seeing you there!

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5th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion Common Worship

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**North Tawton**

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April 15th / 22nd Rose Smith  
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### North Tawton

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