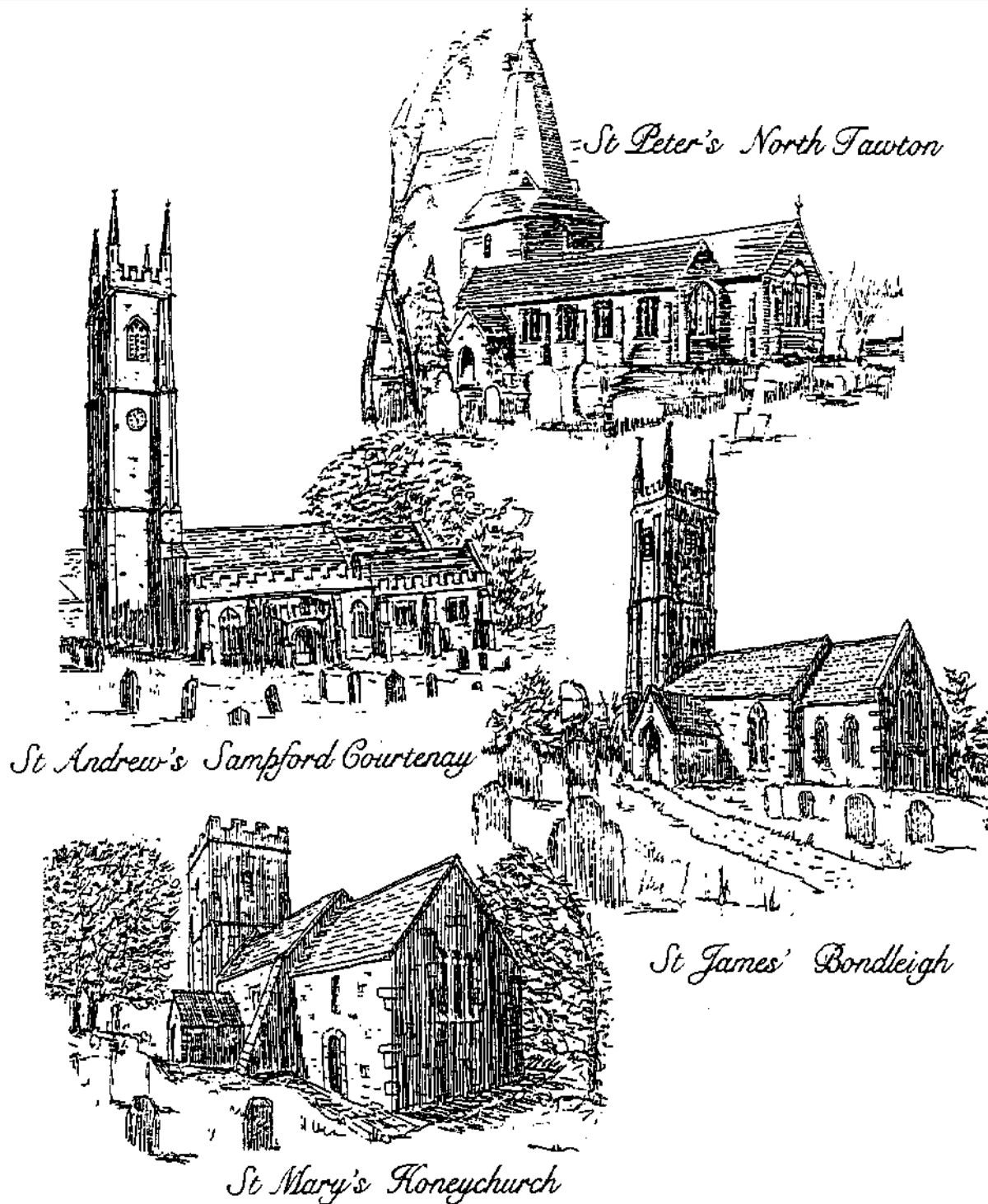


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From The Rectory

Accessibility brings life

An Easter holiday highlight for me was taking my son and daughter to Sandy Park to see Exeter Chiefs play rugby against Gloucester. We won 46-10. It was brilliant. My son and I have been a few times, but it was my daughter's first visit to see the reigning Premiership Champions. In fact, it was Emily's first time at a major sporting fixture. So it was our pleasure to introduce her to the various traditions of a visit to see the Chiefs. These included, a walk across "the wobbly bridge" on the way to the ground, patiently waiting for Daddy to purchase crisps and some liquid refreshment, and then a walk around the pitch before the game started. My son loves this part because he likes to try to catch the ball as the kickers warm up before the game. Then we took our seats, explaining to Emily that it might get quite noisy, and that anyone dressed in cherry and white was bad. We taught her the various Exeter Chiefs chants, and then the game started. It was brilliant (I think I might have said that already). The Chiefs dominated the game and won easily. We particularly enjoyed how quiet a group of teenaged Gloucester supporters sitting in front of us were by half time. By the end, they were all staring at their phones whilst we celebrated. As I write, Exeter Chiefs have three games left and are 8 points clear at the top of the table, and what's more my brother's team Bath are eighth (yes!). Here's hoping for a successful passage through to the play-off final at the end of May.

There was one further Chiefs ritual that Samuel was insistent we introduced Emily to... a chance to meet the players after the match. Perhaps other sides do this too, but one of the best things about going to Sandy Park is the accessibility the crowd gets to the players. We let the disgruntled Gloucester fans leave, and about 20 minutes after the final whistle most of the Chiefs players came back out of the changing room to meet the fans. We jostled for position behind the advertising hoardings and after a few minutes we found ourselves standing just along from Jack Nowell and opposite brothers Sam and Joe Simmonds – two of whom are England players. After a brief conversation with them, photos were taken and at least two of us went away with big smiles. I think by this time Emily had had enough.

It was a refreshing experience to be allowed such accessibility to these top rugby players when I'm sure all they wanted was a hot shower. I suppose they are probably told to do it for the sake of good public relations, but they all shook hands, signed shirts and chatted away happily to the adoring public for at least half an hour. In an age where sensitivity about privacy is increasing, it was refreshing.

At the end of May, new data protection legislation comes into force - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). As

churches, we have had to make sure we are compliant with the new regulations as to how we hold and process the data of our members. It's been a bit of a headache, and if you are involved with any club or society then you will know what I mean. That said, as we would wish to treat any member of our church with respect, openness and honesty, so should we treat any data we hold about them too, asking them for the necessary permissions and giving them the means to opt out. My worry, though, is that GDPR, along with some Health and Safety legislation, just makes us all a little more fearful of one another and what happens if "something goes wrong". I'm sure the Health and Safety explosion of the last 20 years has saved many people from serious injury and even death, and that GDPR will force some aggressive organisations to back off a little and treat people's data with greater respect (here's hoping it reduces junk mail too). However, I fear that society's desire to increase respect for the privacy of individuals could drive people apart. As accessibility reduces so suspicion and loneliness increase.

I hope that doesn't happen as GDPR comes into force at the end of May. I suppose organisations, including churches and rugby clubs, will have to learn to strike the balance between creating communities of people with meaningful relationships between them, but at the same time maintaining respect for the dignity and preferences of individuals as well.

Jesus never had a problem with this. He was able to create a strongly cohesive movement of followers typified by his twelve disciples, yet he was able to perfectly respect the circumstances of individual people whom he encountered as well. I think he was able to do this through a perfect blend of compelling kindness and persuasiveness.

In the parish churches over the next few months we are going to be learning about this from John's Gospel. It contains accounts of Jesus in deep conversation with two particular individuals who have been drawn to him (Nicodemus a Jewish leader, and an unnamed Samaritan woman at a well) and also a long discourse where he instructs his disciples how they are to live – that they should live as one. Both with the individuals and the group he is able uniquely to capture hearts that go away transformed, but in no sense is anyone coerced or manipulated by him. By making himself accessible to them in this way, their lives are changed for the better. Accessibility brings life, and my children and I got a taste of that last weekend at Sandy Park.

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a casualty of the Great War.**

**Private Ernest Mann, aged
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Princess Charlotte of Wales
(Royal Berkshire) Regiment.**

**He was posted missing on
May 27th 1918 and is
commemorated on the
Soissons Memorial in France.**



STOP PRESS

The editors have been asked to inform you that the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir concert, due to be performed at St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay on **Saturday, 28th April**, has been **cancelled**, due to unforeseen circumstances. Tickets already purchased can be refunded at the source of purchase (i.e. the New Inn, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton Post Office and Devon Air Ambulance Trust shop, Okehampton).

STOP PRESS

Shirley Dennis

The family of Shirley Dennis would like to thank all those who came to the funeral. Thanks to everyone for your kindness and support. The retiring collection amounted to £546.60 and a cheque has now been sent to Diabetes UK.

A summer date for your Diary

On Sunday 29th July at 3 p.m. in the Great Barn at Ashridge Court, the Bondleigh Barn Band will present a programme of music. (some you will know, some you won't, and in some you will be invited to join!)

The event is to raise money for a local cause: the preservation of a small area of mediaeval glass in St. James's Church, Bondleigh, showing the annunciation. It is a remnant from the days when congregations were not able to read and pictures as wall-paintings and window glass were aids to learning about the biblical events read to them.

The band returns to its roots to help the local parish. Please keep the date and come along to enjoy yourselves and help preserve a small piece of Bondleigh history!



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North Tawton Waste Plastics Recycling Group wins West Devon Borough Council Mayor's Green Award 2018

This group, which was set up two years ago, provides a collection point for the waste plastics which are currently not able to be included in the normal kerbside recycling collections. The volunteers assist in all weathers to help residents sort their plastic, and, as awareness of the dangers of single use plastics continues to spread, the group goes from strength to strength.

The Mayor, Cllr. Jeff Moody, recognised the high standard of entrants, saying: "Every year we are taken aback by the wide range of nominations across the Borough, and this year is no exception. These people really are the backbone of our communities, helping in so many different walks of life, from working with the elderly or disadvantaged, to improving our environment or helping our animals and wildlife. The final winners we have selected are everything we were looking for in our local heroes and are deserving winners in every sense of the word."

North Tawton Town Council is equally proud of this volunteer group and the work that it does – work which commenced well in advance of the current publicity around plastic pollution and public demand for less plastic usage and more recyclable materials.

The collection of waste plastics takes place in the town centre car park on the 3rd Saturday each month – look out for the notices outside the Council Office. Materials you can collect and bring for recycling include yoghurt pots, plastic food containers and trays, plastic sandwich containers – but please be aware, black plastic trays and containers cannot currently be recycled. Please take the opportunity to save and recycle these materials, which otherwise go to landfill – it's very easy to do, and you will probably be amazed at how much plastic material you collect.

Section 106 Community Facilities Grant Scheme

Funding for this grant scheme comes from monies that the local planning authority can require from developers. Some of the Section 106 money can be spent on new community facilities or upgrading local community facilities. The scheme is open to all community based groups which are not for private profit making and can only apply to capital projects. Examples of community facility projects include: new play areas or new equipment to improve existing areas; sports facilities including equipment; creation of allotments for use by the community. For more information please go to the Council's website at northtawton.towncouncil@yahoo.co.uk, or visit the Council Office to obtain a copy of the scheme guidance notes. Please be aware there is only room in this article for a very brief outline, but there are numerous eligibility issues to be taken into account in order to make a successful application. Further information is also available from the West Devon Borough Council Countryside and Communities Projects Officer, telephone 01822 813701. The Town Council cannot provide application guidance.

North Tawton Town Council Meetings

Parish and Town Councils are the level of local government closest to their communities. All local government bodies must be open and transparent, ensuring that we have strong local democracy which is genuinely accountable to the residents they serve and the local taxpayers who help fund them. Council meetings are not public meetings, but the public do have a statutory right to attend as observers, and North Tawton Town Council meeting agendas have a section for members of the public to ask questions on agenda items. Agendas and minutes are posted on the noticeboard outside the Council Office in The Square, and on the Council's website. The Council would like to encourage residents to take the opportunity to attend meetings – you do not have to ask questions, you don't have to stay for the full meeting – please take the opportunity to come along and be part of the local democratic process. If you have any questions about attending meetings please contact the Town Clerks for information.

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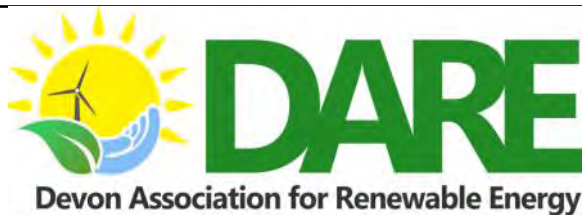
North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

April 4th 2018.

Our Speaker today was Tony Venning, who gave a spirited account of the Life and Loves of Samuel Pepys. Pepys is widely regarded as the greatest diarist in the world. In the nine years he kept diaries, he wrote over one million words. Pepys was a very colourful personality, both in public and his personal life. He was married but he and his wife were childless. She died of typhus aged 29 which devastated him and he asked, when the time came, to be buried next to her in St Olave's Church, Spitalfields, London. This beautiful church was named in honour of Olaf II Haraldsson, traditionally known as St. Olave of Norway and the national flag stands on the right near the altar. As well as writing the diaries Pepys was at the centre of Government life and also had the ear of the sovereign. Besides his diaries another important legacy was his founding of The Blue Coat School for Orphans, enabling them to receive a good education and be prepared and equipped to go out into the world when they grew up.

Our next meeting is the A.G.M. in which we shall welcome a new Committee and begin the new programme of Speakers from June. Everyone is welcome to join us at the monthly meeting, the first Wednesday of each month and we are sure that the programme will have something of interest for everyone.

Jane Hunt-Webb
Secretary



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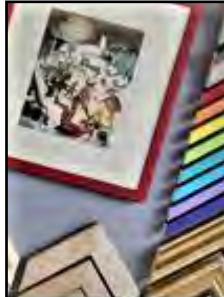


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- Reception at White Hart – 11 a.m.
- Tour of Arla, Taw Valley Cheese Factory – 1 p.m.
- Meal at New Inn Sampford Courtenay – 6 p.m.
- Music Evening at Winkleigh Sports Centre – 8 p.m.

Sat 12th

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

Sun 13th

- Cider Tasting at The Cider Vat – Sampford Courtenay – 11 a.m.
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Merci Beaucoup!

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- North Tawton Amateur Football Club
- 1st Bow Scout Group
- Bow Productions
- Zeal Monachorum Parish Council
- North Tawton Bowling Club

Applications for new projects from voluntary organisations, clubs and societies based in the five parishes below are invited for the next "round", the closing date for which is 31st July 2018.

An application pack containing the guidelines, terms and conditions and application form is available from Den Brook Community Fund, c/o North Tawton Town Council Offices, 14a The Square, North Tawton, Devon EX20 2EP or by e-mail at denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com

The Den Brook Community Fund is administered by representatives of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton, & Zeal Monachorum Town and Parish Councils.

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I don't want to tempt fate but as I write this (a few days before the end of the Easter holidays) it finally feels like spring and we have hopefully said goodbye to the longest, and certainly wettest, winter I can ever recall. I'm sure it didn't rain this much when I was growing up in Hatherleigh all those years ago but then again, time can play tricks on the memory!

The summer term is usually looked forward to by everyone at school. The children finally get the chance to use the field to play on again and for us at NT, it means the swimming pool is back in use. The pool has been undergoing its annual maintenance and should be ready for the children to start using soon after the start of term. Having a pool on site is a real bonus for the children. All primary age children are expected to be taught how to swim and for most schools this usually means having to bus children to a local pool thereby wasting valuable learning time. We are so fortunate in having no travel time allowing more time in the pool. This is particularly useful now that the Department for Education (DFE) are this year expecting schools to report on how many Year 6 pupils can swim 25m by the time they leave school.

Swimming is not the only thing our oldest children will be tested on this term. They have been hard at work working towards their SATs tests in May. They will undertake assessments in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar and mathematics. The majority are by means of a timed test so they do mean plenty of pressure for the children. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well and fingers crossed for some good outcomes.

They are not the only ones who have to undertake assessments (although they are rather less formal than the ones Year 6 have to take). Year 2 have their own versions of SATs in the same subjects as their Year 6 peers while Year 1 have a screening test in their knowledge of phonics. Reception children are continually assessed on their progress towards achieving what is called a 'Good Level of Development'. All of this information is reported to the DFE who use it to consider how well schools are doing.

Thankfully the summer term is not just about assessments. We have sports' day to look forward to, a number of planned trips including a residential for our Year 5 and 6 children and by the end of term we have the annual excitement of finding out which teacher you will be having next year! The Year 6 children have planned transition visits to Okehampton College and we are all excited to find out who will be joining us in nursery and reception in September.

The music concert is normally a highlight of the summer term but in a break from tradition this has already taken place. It was a wonderful occasion and a real celebration of the musical talent at NT. We had a variety of performers including singers, instrumentalists, the school choir and each class contributed something too. The standard was high and was a testament to the quality of music at the school. The children benefit by having specialist music lessons, a weekly singing practice and a range of musical instrument tuition on offer. Many thanks to Mrs. Shorland for organising the event and for co-ordinating the various musical opportunities on offer.

At the end of term we said goodbye to Mrs. Squire who works in the office and deals with, among many tasks, the school's finances. After a long association with the school as parent, volunteer and a member of staff, she is off to join the central finance team of the Dartmoor MAT. We wish her well in the new role and I'm pleased to say that she will continue to be working with the school to ensure we don't spend too much! We have appointed a new admin. assistant to work alongside Mrs. Grainge in the office so we welcome Mrs. Malerba to the NT community.

Our Spring term ended with an Easter Service at St. Peter's. It was a lovely occasion attended by the whole school including nursery children and many parents. The children all contributed with readings, songs, sharing art work and a fascinating piece by Hazel class who told us about the history and meaning of Maundy Thursday, which this year coincided with the last day of term. Many thanks to Reverend Weldon for welcoming us.

Finally, we ran a vocabulary challenge over the holidays. The children were given the task of finding one new word a day for each day of the holidays. They were challenged to find unfamiliar words they came across in their books, on signs or in conversation. Hopefully it has proved to be a fun and worthwhile activity. It certainly provoked lots of conversation in our house and children always seem very drawn to the most unusual of words which is great!

Best wishes

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The latest meeting took place in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall on Thursday 5th April. There was a good attendance and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was from the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioners' Office. He spoke about the proposed merger with Dorset Police, which would cut one Chief Constable and one Police Commissioner to save money. It was also proposed that all police wear body cameras so that all instances are recorded. He answered questions at the end of his talk.

After tea and biscuits, the business part of the meeting followed. The Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh on 13th March had raised £236. A successful Annual Lunch was held at Strawberry Field, Lifton on 22nd March. The Waitrose Community Token Scheme had realised £240. Final arrangements were made for the group meeting being held in Exbourne on 11th April. FOM winner was Ethel Nancekivell and the competition winner was Bonnie Stenning. The next meeting is the AGM which will be held on Thursday 3rd May in Exbourne Village Hall.

Margaret Weeks



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SCPC Meeting 20th Mar, 3rd April & Open Meeting 27th March 2018

Planning Checklist – Cllr. Wilson presented a draft of SCPC proposed “Check list” to be used to ensure fairness and transparency when considering all Planning Applications. It is also intended to help parishioners provide the sort of information which will enable SCPC to SUPPORT an application, unless there have been any objections. A copy can be found on the Website for your comments.

War Memorial Dedication Service – SCPC is in the process of making arrangements for a Dedication Ceremony for the new War Memorial, in the Square/Church Rooms on Wed. 15th August (VJ Day). If you would like to be involved with this event, please contact the Clerk.

First Aid Course – a very successful First Aid Course was organised by SCPC at the Village Hall on Sat. April 7th. There are already parishioners, who missed this course, asking for another one to be arranged in the future.

New Notice Board – a new Notice board has been erected in the Square. A big “Thank You” to the Town and Parish Partnership for granting £500 towards this project.

Footpaths – Great plans are being made to further improve our network of green lanes and footpaths in the coming year. Plus SCPC are arranging 2 walks. You will have missed the Village Stroll on Sat. April 21st – but there is still time for the energetic amongst you to book a place on the “Walk on the Wild Side” – Sat. 12th May – a more strenuous 5 mile walk around Taw Green.

Annual Parish Spring Clean – Sat. 26th May – Starting from the Village Hall at 10 a.m. Volunteers please wear suitable clothes, protective gloves and bring tools with them (e.g. Litter pickers, secateurs). SCPC will provide a pasty and The Cider VAT will provide a glass of cider for all helpers. Please let the Clerk know if you can help.

Full Minutes of SCPC meetings 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 May 1st, June 5th.

Marion Pratt



Sampford Courtenay Flower and Veg Show 11th Aug 2018

Time to start planting your vegetables!

Have you planted your potato in a bucket yet? Almost 2 dozen parishioners collected a seed potato and bucket at a “Judges Question Time” on March 16th. You plant the potato in the medium of your choice and watch it grow! Buckets will be emptied and crops weighed at our Flower Show on 11th August.

Open Events –Sampford Courtenay and Honey Church Flower and Vegetable Show has traditionally been a “closed” event, only open to parishioners. But this year we have several “Open” Events which will be open to anyone in the “Roundabout” Distribution area. So have a look and see if you would like to start preparing for any of the following classes:-

Heaviest Potato

Photograph of Sampford Courtenay through the year.

Floral Exhibit – on theme of “Lest we forget”.

Plus – all the children’s classes are Open.

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!



Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall
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Elaine Reynolds

‘All That Spring Brings’

Tea hostess - Rose Lowe

Bondleigh Rainfall

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The concert takes place on Saturday 19th May at 7.30 p.m. in Fairplace Church, Okehampton.

Tickets are £10 (adults) and £5 (students) available from “Beanfeast” (the Arcade, Okehampton), Society members or on the door.

WHERE IS THE CONNECTION?

between

Verses 4-7 of Philippians Chapter 4

Verses 19-23 of St. John’s Gospel Chapter 1

“The Dream” by Henry Vaughan

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Verse 5 of Isaiah Chapter 40

Verses 1-4 of the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3

A 14th century poem attributed to Pope Innocent VI

No, it is not a quiz or riddle. The answer lies in a Choral and Orchestral concert to be given on Saturday, 12th May. (For more details see page 25).

The texts given above were chosen by eminent composers to set to music as anthems. (Think of anthems as prayers set to music). They are all on the concert programme. In addition you can hear an Organ Concerto by Handel, (played by Roger Cleverdon with the orchestra) a trumpet Voluntary by John Stanley, (played by John Courtie, also with orchestra) and the orchestral strings playing a Chacony by Henry Purcell. All with a glass of wine in the interval to offer help for very good cause: the Children’s Hospice South West.

All ticket receipts will go to the Children’s Hospice and there is only one small word of warning: adults buying a ticket beforehand will pay £10. Adults buying ticket on the door will pay a little extra: £12.

So do buy your tickets early. Parts played by the Cuckoo and the Nightingale will be explained at the concert on the day!

News from Sampford Courtenay

The Bell Ringers’ coffee morning was held in the Church Rooms on Saturday, 17th March, despite the second snow storm of the season.

The second of two Lent lunches was held at Cherrywell, by kind invitation of Shirley Reddaway, on Thursday 22nd March.

The Village Hall management committee served a ‘Big Breakfast’ in the hall on Saturday 24th March, which was enjoyed by all who attended. The well-prepared and served repast consisted of bacon, sausages, mushrooms, eggs, black pudding, hash browns, buttered toast, tea and coffee.

The funeral of Bruno Sweitlik, 55, of Sampford Chapple, took place on Tuesday 27th March, followed by interment in the churchyard.

The delightful late evening service of Compline was held at St. Andrew’s on three occasions at the beginning of Holy Week, with a sombre service on Maundy Thursday, 29th March, which included stripping the altar. The Stations of the Cross were followed on Good Friday and the service on Easter Sunday, in the church, splendidly decorated with spring flowers, included an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard, thanks to the Jervois family.

The baptism of 11 month old Molly Vallance, daughter of Peter and Jane Vallance of Sampford Chapple, took place at St. Andrew’s church on Easter Saturday, 31st March. God parents were Jacqueline Harvey, Nicholas Thompson, Katy Vallance, Jenny Elston and Daniel Close. The Rev’d Nick Weldon officiated. Members of Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI met in the Village Hall on Thursday 5th April. The speaker represented the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner.

Pat Boundy was the demonstrator at the meeting of Sampford Courtenay Flower Club, held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th April, and her theme was ‘It’s about time’.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, held in the Church Rooms on Wednesday, 11th April, Malcolm Craig and Sarah Hanks were elected Church Wardens for the Parish of St. Andrew’s.

Members of Okehampton Beekeepers club held their annual dinner at the New Inn, Sampford Courtenay, on Thursday, 12th April. The speaker was Glyn Davies.

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SUNDAY 20th May 2018 – 3 p.m,
THEME – Lizzies Surprise
Short service followed by refreshments
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Okehampton & District Local History Society

Wednesday May 9th at 7.30 p.m.
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The May meeting will take place at the
Ockment Centre, North Street at
2.30 p.m. on Thursday 31st May 2018

There will be a talk entitled

Exeter--Wild City
by
Jasmine Atkinson

Jasmine is a member of the Devon Wildlife Trust and her talk will illustrate why it is important to help city wildlife flourish and how communities across the city have helped to improve their local patch for birds, butterflies and bees. Come along to find out how Devon Wildlife Trust, it's partners and city residents are working together to help make Exeter a Wild City.

We meet at the Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AR at 2.30 p.m. 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.

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Saturday 12th May 2018

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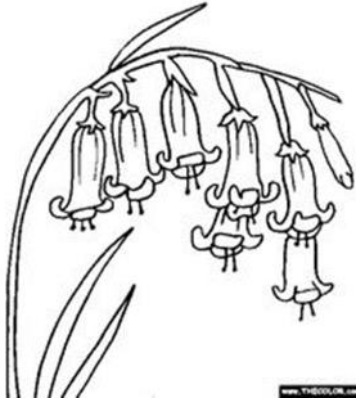
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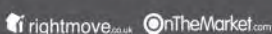
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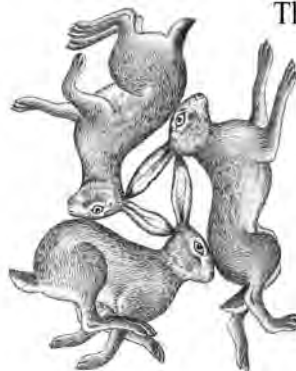
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