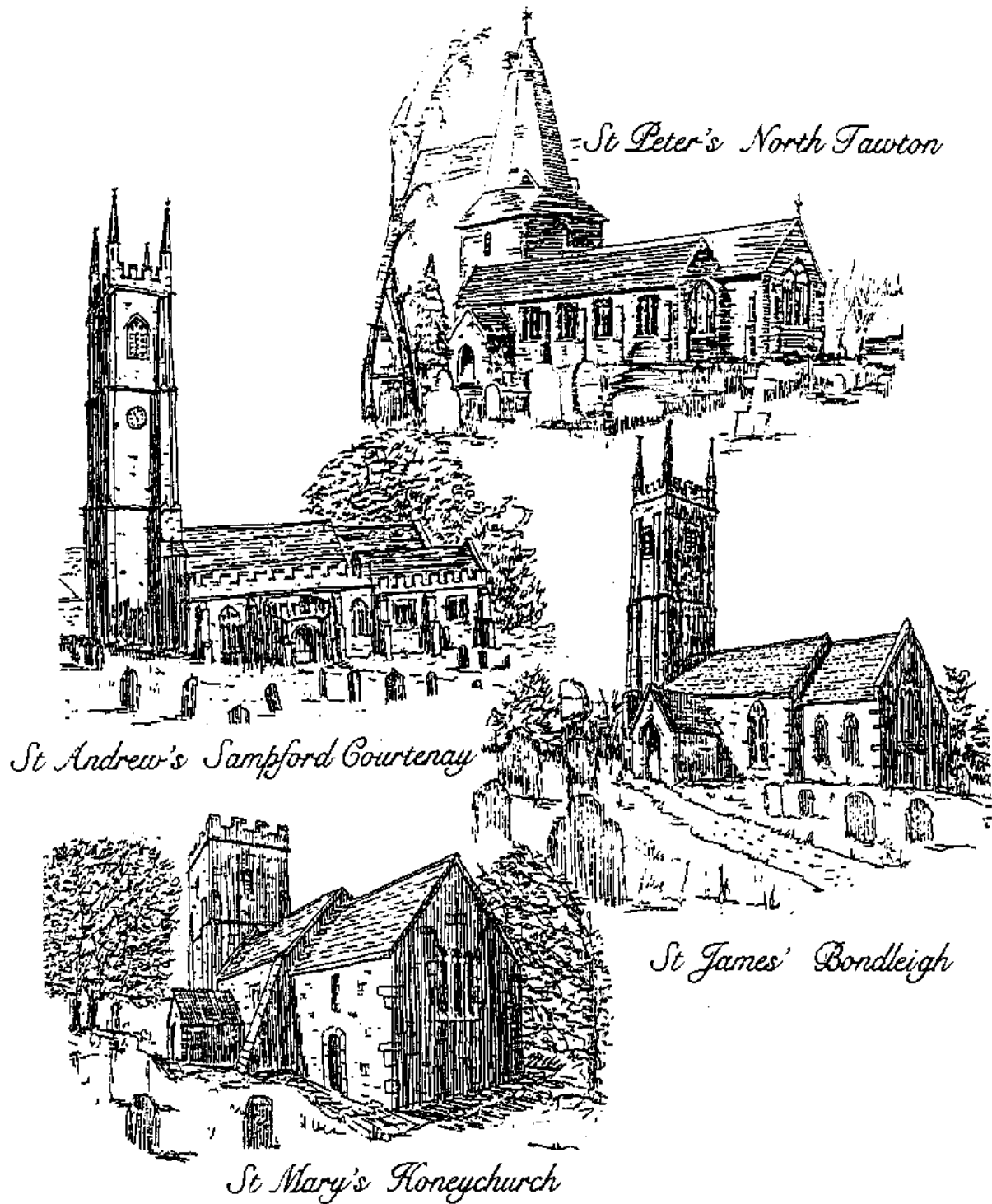


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## From The Rectory

### Memorable moments!

A couple of years ago, I shared our experiences in Ho Chi Min city. Well, in mid April we once again headed for Saigon (as it is often called) but this time we were on an exciting 18 day tour of Vietnam, shared with five other people from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. We looked after each other, shared life stories, and became great friends.

From Saigon our tour included boating on the mighty Mekong River. The Mekong Delta is a densely populated area where life progresses around its fertile banks. We explored the Cai Rang floating market, weaving between traders and shoppers and mingled with the local people. From the water you see another side of Vietnam, witnessing incredible slums. But it is important to learn that the modern industrialised world has its edge, beyond which lies poverty and struggle.

We then flew to the coastal city of Nha Trang, which is home to a huge fishing industry. From there we cruised, in an old fishing boat, on the turquoise waters to one of the quiet Pacific islands for some relaxation. My paradise island!

Next, we flew to Danang and drove to Hoi An, which retains the feel of centuries past and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are lanterns everywhere and lots of people strolling up and down the alleyways and across footbridges. Everywhere the makers of street food are frying, roasting or boiling savoury scented dishes (the food in Vietnam is always fresh, delicious and beautifully presented). The iconic Japanese covered bridge, takes you across to an island where everything you'd just seen before is multiplied a hundredfold. We visited a workshop of traditional hand embroideries and saw the ladies at work making silk pictures and beautiful tablecloths. This workshop is part of a project called Reaching Out, providing opportunities for people with disabilities to learn skills and gain meaningful employment. These workshops are a platform for local people to showcase their talents.

We visited a farming project in a local village where the community has come together to create a large vegetable farm. I took my turn in doing a bit of raking and planting – equipped with Coolie hat and over-jacket in 32 degrees! Afterwards we were treated to a foot massage, and then helped cook our own lunch using the lovely herbs and vegetables from the farm – yummy and great fun!

Onward, to the ancient religious centre of My Son, a lesser known UNESCO listed site, set among lush green valleys, surrounded by hills and the massive Cat's Tooth Mountain. We walked through the bush (hot or what!) to the ancient religious centre built by the once thriving Champa Kingdom.

Our next stay was in Hue, driving over the dramatic and scenic Hai Van Pass and then cruising on the Perfume

River. The city is dominated by the Imperial Citadel that is modelled on the Forbidden City in China. There are 143 steps to the top of the main chamber at Khai Dinh tomb!

A flight took us to Vietnam's capital, Hanoi. The US bombing of Hanoi during the Vietnam War, caused massive damage. Hanoi has now been transformed into an industrial and agricultural centre. We had an exhilarating cyclo ride (amongst millions of motorbike riders!) through Hanoi's old quarter. We visited the Ethnology Museum with an extensive display dedicated to Vietnam's 54 minority peoples, giving us an insight into the heritage and diversity of the country.

We visited a family in Duong Lam village where we shared lunch and learned about village life. In the local Temple, there was a group of elderly women sitting and chatting together. One very elderly lady came over to us, full of smiles, and our guide interpreted what she was saying. She was delighted we were there and gave us a brief history of her life. Her wizened face was a picture of happiness, which has remained with me ever since.

Later, we saw a performance of the famous Water Puppets - invented thousands of years ago by farmers in the Red River Delta region as a means to entertain themselves when the rains flooded their paddy fields. Truly spectacular!

Next a cruise on Halong Bay, which shares a common border with China in the north and harbours some of the most stunning scenery in Vietnam. Unique rock sculptures jut out dramatically from the clear emerald waters and numerous grottoes have created an enchanting, timeless world, looking out onto the horizon, with the sails of the junks and sampans completing the picture. We visited underground caves (400 steps!) and watched the sunset over the bay. A memorable way to end our tour of this most fascinating, charming, friendly, and beautiful country.

Finally, Vietnam is officially an atheist state. But 70-80 percent practice Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. Christianity is on the rise (6-8 percent). Our young guide for North Vietnam confided that he followed Jesus. His wedding ceremony took place in his parents home three years ago. His Buddhist grandparents and relatives have disassociated themselves from him and his family. He strives for reconciliation, whilst firmly holding onto his beliefs. Along with his well deserved gratuity, I quoted two bible verses: *There is...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* (Ephesians 4:4-6). And 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.* Encouraging words for us all!

Rita Bullworthy  
Assistant Minister

(see pictures on page 5)

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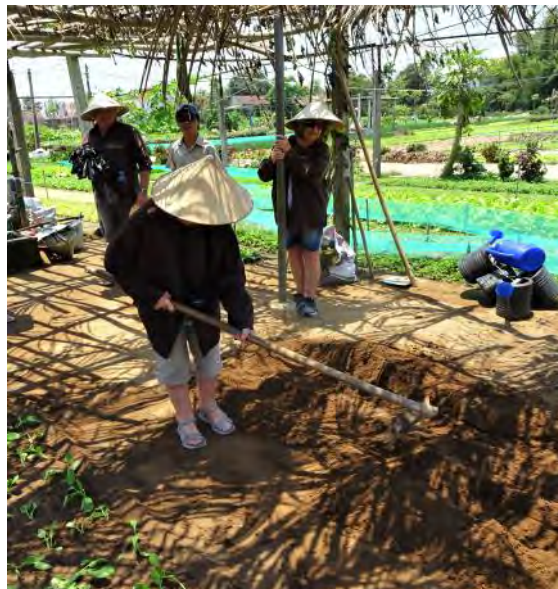
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Rita's visit to Vietnam (See page 3)



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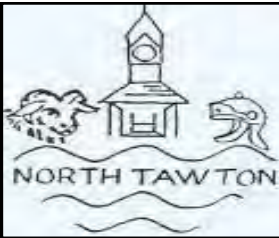
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## North Tawton Town Council – election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Co-option of new Member

At the Council's Annual meeting on 1st May, Councillor Steve Whiteley was re-elected as Chair of the Council for 2018-19. Councillor Ms. Jean Trehwitt was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Council. For a full list of NTTC Committee Chairs/Vice-Chairs and Members, please view the minutes of the meeting on the noticeboard or at the Council Office, or go to our website [www.northtawtontowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.northtawtontowncouncil.co.uk). Further to a vacancy on the Town Council, two residents applied to be considered for co-option to the Council. Mrs. Sue Weedon was the successful applicant, and will shortly be taking up her place on the Council.

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Thank you to all responsible dog owners who are doing their best to ensure our pavements and footpaths are safe and clean to walk along. We'd like to remind dog owners that it is your responsibility to clear up after your dog, and also to ask all dog owners to please dispose of the resulting used dog fouling bags – these bags can be placed in any litter bin, as well as in the specific dog waste bins, or carried home and placed in your domestic refuse sacks. Please don't run the risk of getting a penalty notice and a hefty fine, it's so easy to just take your dog waste bags to the nearest bin or take them home with you.

## Improvements to pavement – Station Road

I'm sure you will have noticed the fantastic job that the Council's contractors have done, in clearing the overgrowth on this pavement. The pathway has been widened considerably along some sections, weedkilling has been undertaken, and all the overgrowth removed and cleared around the bench on the corner of the junction. We hope this will make the pavement safer for our residents, and it certainly has improved the general appearance of the approach from De Bathe Cross. We're working hard to try and find a solution to provide better lighting on the length from Bathway Fields to the mini-roundabout, more news in due course. Finally, as the contractors finished these works in good time, they are undertaking a similar exercise at the bottom of Fore Street along to Yeo Lane, which will improve the appearance and safety of this length of pavement.

## Finally, from the archives, 1972....

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

### MAY MEETING AND A.G.M.

We gathered on 2<sup>nd</sup> May for not only our monthly meeting but also the A.G.M.

The President welcomed a W.I. county adviser who attended along with a trainee adviser.

After some general business there was a very comprehensive report from our Delegate who, with several other members from North Tawton, attended the Spring Council Meeting at Torquay.

Our President, Treasurer and Secretary each gave a report for the past year and the President and Treasurer, who are both standing down, included thanks for the support they had received in their terms of office.

We are fortunate to have a new full committee with each member bringing their own talents and experience, making for an interesting year ahead and we are pleased to welcome Jan Gray as our new President.

To conclude the meeting the trainee adviser gave a presentation on the resolution which will be going to the W.I. A.G.M. in Cardiff for members to vote on which is that mental health should be given equal priority with physical health.

Our June speaker, Alan French, will be giving a talk on "Summer Gardening" and bringing plants for sale, we can look forward to a varied programme of speakers for the rest of our year.

Jane M. Hunt-Webb  
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"My name is Anna, and I am nine. In my life miracles just do not happen always. I live with my mum, and I don't have a dad. My mum has to work a lot, though it's hard to find a job in the place where we live. To sell fish in the market-place is the only option. Very often my mum is not at home. Once there were some men and women who came to me to bring me a gift. I was very surprised. My first thought was that it's not for me, but they confirmed that it was mine. So, thank you everybody - I don't know who you are and how you happen to know me that you've brought me a gift. I am very glad, and I tell everyone - just believe - the miracles come true!" (Ukraine)

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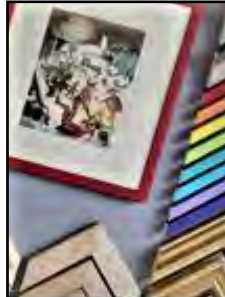


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really do appreciate it.

At the present time the branch is short of members. If you  
feel you would like to join us and become a member, please  
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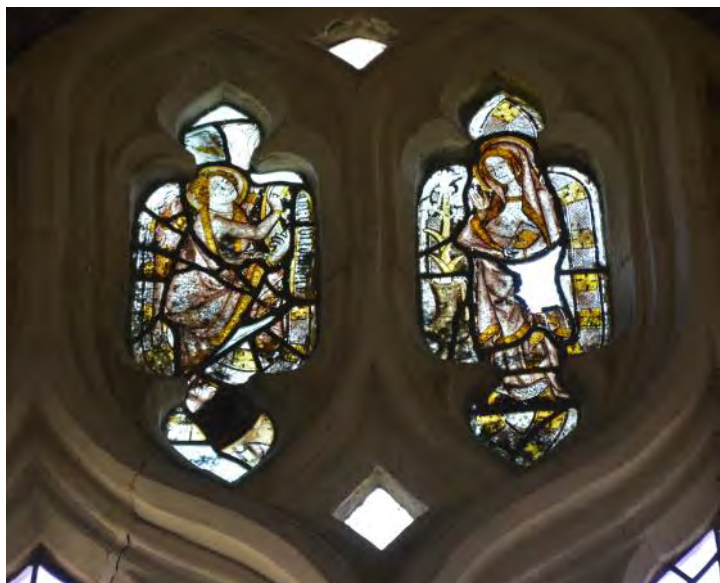
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## Concert at Ashridge Court



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Last month's "Roundabout" asked readers to keep a note in their Diary of Sunday, 29th July, 2018 for an event in the Great Barn at Ashridge Court. By kind invitation of Chris and Carolyn Richards, the Bondleigh Barn Band will perform (appropriately) in the Great Barn at 3 p.m.. The performance will be appropriate also because it is hoped the efforts of the Bondleigh Barn Band will benefit St. James's Church in Bondleigh. During the considerable efforts made recently to improve facilities at the church, notice has been drawn to a remnant of mediaeval glass. It depicts the annunciation, the story of how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she was to be the mother of Jesus - (you can find the account in St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 1, verses 26 - 38).

As can be seen above, the picture is almost complete and this is something of a rarity. Wall paintings and windows showing stories from the bible were not to the liking of those who sought the Reformation of the church in the 16th century. Wall paintings were often covered over and windows taken out. In so doing, these pictorial aids to stories from the Bible were denied to a population in which many were unable to read. That any should remain at all in Bondleigh Church is probably because the glass is small in area and very high above the floor. It was perhaps too much bother for the removers to reach!

Despite the efforts of the weather in the past four hundred years, the glass has done well to appear as it does, but it is in need of some attention to help preserve it for future generations and the work to do this safely is likely to be expensive and require expert attention.

The Bondleigh Barn Band's concert is intended to make a start on raising money for the purpose. Admission to the concert will be FREE and there will be a retiring collection at the end to go towards the preservation costs. As ever, the band will play music you know, some you don't know and some in which you can join. We hope the band's wide repertoire will cater for all ages and that everyone will come along ready to relax, to enjoy themselves and help towards preserving a small part of the local heritage.

Please keep the date free in your diary!

### **An Extract from the Exeter Flying Post dated 5th August 1824:**

A grand wrestling match for 10 sovereigns took place at North Tawton on Thursday and Friday last. So strongly was it contested and the balance of power so equal at 4 o'clock on the last day when no less than 16 laid claim to a share in the prize, and the skill and science displayed on both sides so equal, that it was left in doubt who should wear the laurel. After hard struggles till midnight, 1st prize was awarded to James Stone, 2nd to Robert Jackman, both of Colebrooke, and 3rd to William Smale of Monkokehampton. The play throughout was good and the enlivening band made the scene truly delightful. The good order and harmony throughout the whole arrangement reflects great credit on the managers who have resolved to renew this Grand National Exercise in the following year.

*(This item was first printed in "Roundabout" in May 1992, supplied by Dr. Jean Shields who added this information:*

*"Wrestling took place on Court Green meadow (on the east side of the churchyard, the latter was enlarged and consecrated for burials in 1871, the wall built and a footpath leading from Court Green into the churchyard stopped up). It seems strange that people could spare two days from work at what must have been a busy time on farms."*

*(Please see also the article on page 25 of this "Roundabout")*



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The summer term is now in full swing and although this school year is yet to finish (we break up on the 24<sup>th</sup> July) I and the other senior leaders are already planning ahead to September. The recent round of interviews to appoint an executive headteacher across the three schools of NT, South Tawton and Chagford was not successful. The new local governing body, in consultation with the trustees of the Dartmoor MAT, have decided that they will appoint an individual head for each of the three schools to start in September. The governors will, at the same time, look to re-advertise the executive head role with a view to having someone in place by September 2019 at the latest. For NT this means that Miss Chauhan (who is currently deputy head) will take over as head at the start of the new school year. She will not have a class teaching commitment while she undertakes this role. We are currently working together to ensure there is a smooth transition and I am certain she will do a great job!

The children have enjoyed a couple of themed days this term. We ran a mathematics day when our subject leader, Mr Foreman, organised a range of activities to encourage children to enjoy their maths. It is one of those subjects which can cause anxiety among some people. Often it is a lack of confidence so hopefully this themed day will help some of the children overcome these worries.

The following week we welcomed the author Kevin Payne to North Tawton. Some of you may recognise the name as Kevin was once a teacher here at NT. Since then he has worked as an illustrator and has written a fantastic and very engaging book called B is for Blobfish. He led a whole school assembly and ran workshops throughout the day for the children. The pupils enjoyed the experience and produced some great writing of their own.

Later in May we welcomed David Hill who is the youngest athlete to ever represent Team GB at the Paralympics. David led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils as well as a follow up talk and question and answer session. The activity part of the day was sponsored with money raised being used for sports' equipment for the school while also supporting GB Athletics.

The school proudly remembered St George's Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Many of the children wore their organisation uniforms (Guides, Rainbows, Cub, Scouts, Brownies and Beavers). They looked great and I do think it's important we celebrate the occasion along with the other patron saint days. It is an opportunity to look at British Values which all schools are expected to cover.

The school took part in the recent well-being event at the town hall. It was lovely to meet lots of people and share with you some of the children's work and talk about what has been happening at the school. One of the highlights of the event was an appearance by the school choir who sang beautifully and brought a tear to one or two of the audience's eyes. Many thanks to Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Ware for preparing the children. The children also wanted to say thank you to Arla for their goody bags!

I did mention to some of you that we are often looking for volunteer readers in school. Normally people would come in to school once or twice a week to hear children read. Likewise, we are also looking for community representatives for our new ethos committee. This group will be working with the school to shape such areas as our school values and ethos. If you are interested in being involved in either of these, please contact the school.

Miss Shorland, who organises much of our music provision at school, recently celebrated getting married. She left school on Friday as Miss Shorland but came back the following week as Mrs. Mathews (one t). She had a fantastic day and everyone at school was very happy for her!

The football and netball seasons have finally finished. Both teams had to complete their fixtures after the Easter holidays due to the many postponements this year. Thanks to Mr. Foreman and Mrs. Reynolds for coaching the children and organising their matches. Some of our boys enjoyed success for North Tawton Youth (U9s) in winning the recent Exeter and District Youth League U9 Plate Final. In an exciting final held at Tiverton FC's ground they came back from a goal down to beat Stoke Hill three one. The boys from school were Issac, Joe, Stan, Samuel and Callum.

The summer means tennis and cricket take centre stage in the sporting stakes. We have already had success in the latter with our Y3 and 4 cricket team winning the recent Meldon Cup B Team tournament. The team were Cobie, Cece, Archie C, Own, Eleanor and Samuel. Well done to them!

Best wishes

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## Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

The meeting in Exbourne Village Hall on Thursday 3rd May included the Annual Meeting. All the reports of the previous year/s events were read out and adopted. Officers for the following year were elected, President - Margaret Cleveland, Secretary - Anne Leaman and Treasurer - Sally Kenealy. In addition to the officers, Mary Daniel, Ann Langworthy, Rosemary Lowe and Pam Pemberton form the committee. Bonnie Stenning was thanked as the retiring president and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The ordinary meeting followed. The subject for the exhibit at the Okehampton Show is "Anniversary". The outing the Buckfastleigh is on July 23rd. It is hoped to visit Sollard Cider Farm early in June to see the apple blossom. The next walk is to be at Zeal Monachorum on May 25th. The skittles dinner is at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum. FOM winners were Margaret Rook and Bonnie Stenning. The competition for Wedding Memorabilia was won by Margaret Cleveland. The speaker was Rachel Dunn who spoke on Bespoke Hats and Fascinators. She had brought along an array of hats and fascinators. She explained how she started her business working from home with two small children. She showed how the hats and fascinators were made and decorated to individual styles for clients who brought the outfit to be matched. She has sent hats to America as well as supplying them for clients who go to Ascot etc. At the end of the talk members had fun trying on some of the hats.

The next meeting is on Thursday 7th June at 7.30 p.m. in Exbourne Village Hall. The speaker is Louise Brown on Gold, Diamonds and Precious Metals.

*Margaret Weeks*

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#### **Wednesday 6 June 09:30 – 'Bird Boogie' Duplo and stori-time**

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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

**Wednesdays 09:30-10:15 - Duplo Builders & Storytime for ages 0-5**

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### SCPC Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

- **Casual Vacancy** – owing to resignation of Cllr. David Botting Page a Casual Vacancy has arisen on SCPC. If you live in the Parish and would like to serve on the parish council, please contact the Clerk or speak to one of your councillors. David was a great enthusiast for the Footpaths in the parish and will be sadly missed.
- **General Data Protection Regulations** – as you are no doubt aware the regulations regarding personal data has changed on May 25<sup>th</sup>. SCPC does not hold much personal data – however, if you would like to check if SCPC holds any of your personal data please contact the Clerk.
- **First Aid Course** – was well attended by parishioners who gave it excellent feed-back. It is hoped to hold another course in the future. Please look out for notices or let the Clerk know you would be interested in attending.
- **Spring Clean – 26<sup>th</sup> May** – a group of volunteers have given the parish a Spring Clean followed by a welcome glass of cider and a pasty (kindly donated by The Cider VAT). A big thank you to all who came along and helped.
- **War Memorial** – Cllr Coleman and McIlwraith have visited the Quarry and spoken to the Mason and selected the piece of granite into which the bronze plaque is to be set. The bronze plaque has been shipped to SCPC from the foundry. SCPC are still planning on a Dedication Ceremony on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August. Look out for more details next month.
- **January Meeting** – as the January meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – New Year's Day it was decided not to hold a meeting in January unless Planning Applications or other matters arise. In which case a meeting will be held later in the month.
  
- **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 June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Marion Pratt*



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

### Have you built your Scarecrow yet?

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**Poets Corner?** – can you write a limerick on a Gardening Theme? There is a class for both Adults and Under 16's to try their hand at a poem.

**All Things Bright and Beautiful** – both the chorus and verses fit the theme of Flowers and Vegetables –so we are asking any children out there to use the words to inspire a picture. – Under 8's - A4 picture to illustrate the chorus. Under 12's –A 4 picture to illustrate one verse, to include the handwritten verse.

**Tallest Sunflower** – get those seeds planted and start talking to them to make them grow. These will be measured and judged where grown.

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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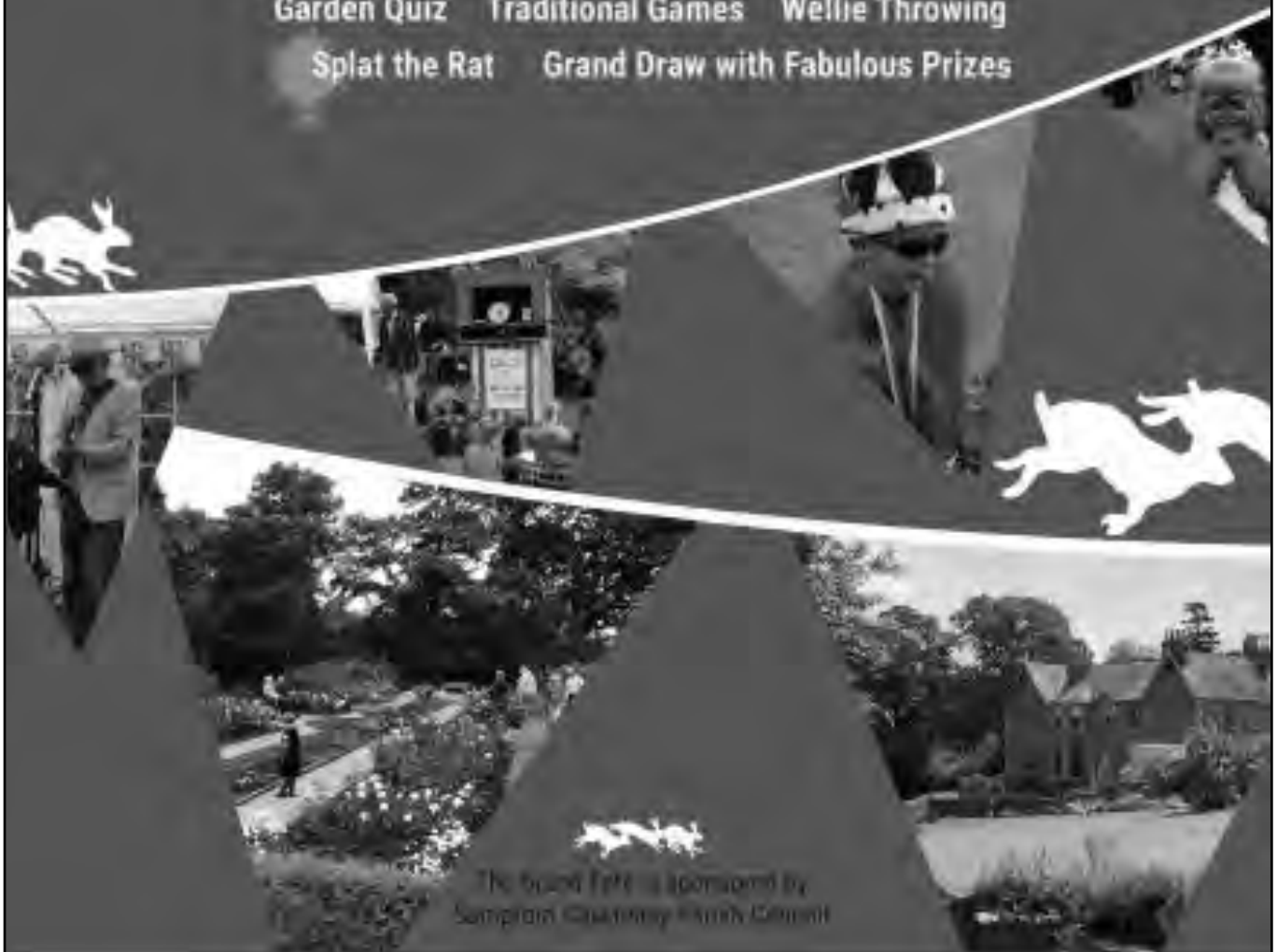
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*Ian Varndell*

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## A local Parish Record

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Another possible line of inquiry if you know the area where your forebears lived, is to go and comb the local church graveyard to find the headstone of a long dead relative. This has its difficulties: many graveyards are heavily overgrown and even memorials carved in stone can weather so that the lettering becomes unreadable. If there are those seeking forebears buried in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, North Tawton,, the Vicar has a ready aid to hand. In 1992, three ladies, Celia Boughton, Kennedy Gregory and Jean Shields recorded the memorial inscriptions as well as the dedications of the church furniture in St. Peter's Church, the United Reform Church and the Methodist Church. It must have been an enormously time-consuming exercise, as they included the gravestones outside as well as tablets inside, and one result has been to preserve the wording discernible on the gravestones in 1992 from whatever further weathering may obscure or remove.

The record included an index by surname of all those interred and a map of the graveyard showing the area where each grave may be found. This is a great time saver for the Vicar when he receives requests about burials in his churchyard from ancestor seekers. He can photocopy the relevant page and send it off.

The frequency with which the same surname appears in the index gives a rough idea of the families who were resident during the period from the mid 1750's until around 1900, after which burials began in the cemetery in Exeter Street. Some of these families have left an enduring mark on the town today: Durant, Gostwyke, Letheren, Taylor. Others were possibly the ancestors of today's population: Avery, Bolt, Brealey, Gibbings, Lee, Luxton, Pike, Stoneman, Tucker, Ware.

And for those curious about such historical developments, there is interest too in other surnames. From much earlier times, surnames became attached to a man (and then settled on his descendants) because of his occupation: Ash, Hooper, Marchant, Seaward, Skinner, Taverner, Turner. Sometimes the surname might even suggest where the original owner lived, as in Coombe or Coombes and Moore. Was this the case for Catherine who died on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1831 aged 64, or her husband, Samuel, who died aged 94 years on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1850, whose surname was Honeychurch?

Whatever interest you may have in matters of this kind (or not!), this article is a belated opportunity to acknowledge the work done by the three ladies to keep records for the town and to thank them for the long labour they must have had to complete their task.

*(We are sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Jean Shields. As shown in the article here and on page 13, her long and active interest in history generally and in the history of North Tawton in particular, will be sadly missed – Editors)*

## ESHC Country Show, Terrier, Lurcher & Family Dog Show

The show, with donations to The Friends of Bow & North Tawton Surgery, is being held at Croke Meadow, North Tawton, EX20 2BJ on Sunday, 17th June 2018, gates open at 11.30 a.m..

Last year the show was extremely successful and specifically raised a generous donation for a local identified charity. As you will see from above, this year the show committee has chosen The Friends of Bow & North Tawton Surgery as our local business/charity to support. They are specifically looking to use the donation towards purchasing a phlebotomy chair for the surgery.

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## Concert result

The Cuckoo and Nightingale Concert given at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 12th May by the augmented choir of St. Andrew's and the Two Rivers Orchestra was generously supported by a large audience. We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the evening, both as performers and as audience.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay

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Sampford Courtenay flower club's coffee morning and plant sale was held in the Church Rooms on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Although the season was late there was still a wide variety of good quality plants for sale and a total of £378 was raised, which will help to cover the costs of future flower demonstrations. A dog show and car boot sale was held in the Village Hall on the same day and was well supported. Members of the congregation of St. Andrew's took a short walk through the village after the special service for Rogation, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Gardens, fields, cattle, sheep, goats, chickens and bees were blessed by the Revd Rita Bullworthy. Afterwards the group walked to the New Inn for coffee and a generous slice of Karen's magnificent strawberry and fresh cream cake! Ascension day was celebrated with a short service in St. Andrew's church yard, followed by coffee and cake in the Church Rooms.

There was no contest in the clash between the Eurovision Song Contest and the most magnificent concert held in St. Andrew's on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. The augmented choir of St. Andrew's and the Two Rivers Orchestra took their performance to a new height with possibly one of the best renditions of Mozart's Ave Verum to be heard. The village is unbelievably blessed to have at its disposal the outstanding ability and vision of both Roger Cleverdon as organist and Richard Edwards as conductor who can coax such a sound from this group of amateur musicians. Held in aid of Children's Hospice South West, the packed church enjoyed solo performances by Julia Dunn, alto, John Colpoys Wood, tenor, Maxwell Turner, bass and John Courtie, trumpet, with music by Purcell, Gibbons, Handel, Tallis, Mozart, Parry and Stanford.

The next big village event is the Grand Fete on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at Culverhayes. Donations for the tombola will be gratefully received, preferably in advance of the day, and can either be left in the church or delivered to Lower Trecott.

*Nicky Craig*



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Left. The Ditch, Wooston Castle



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