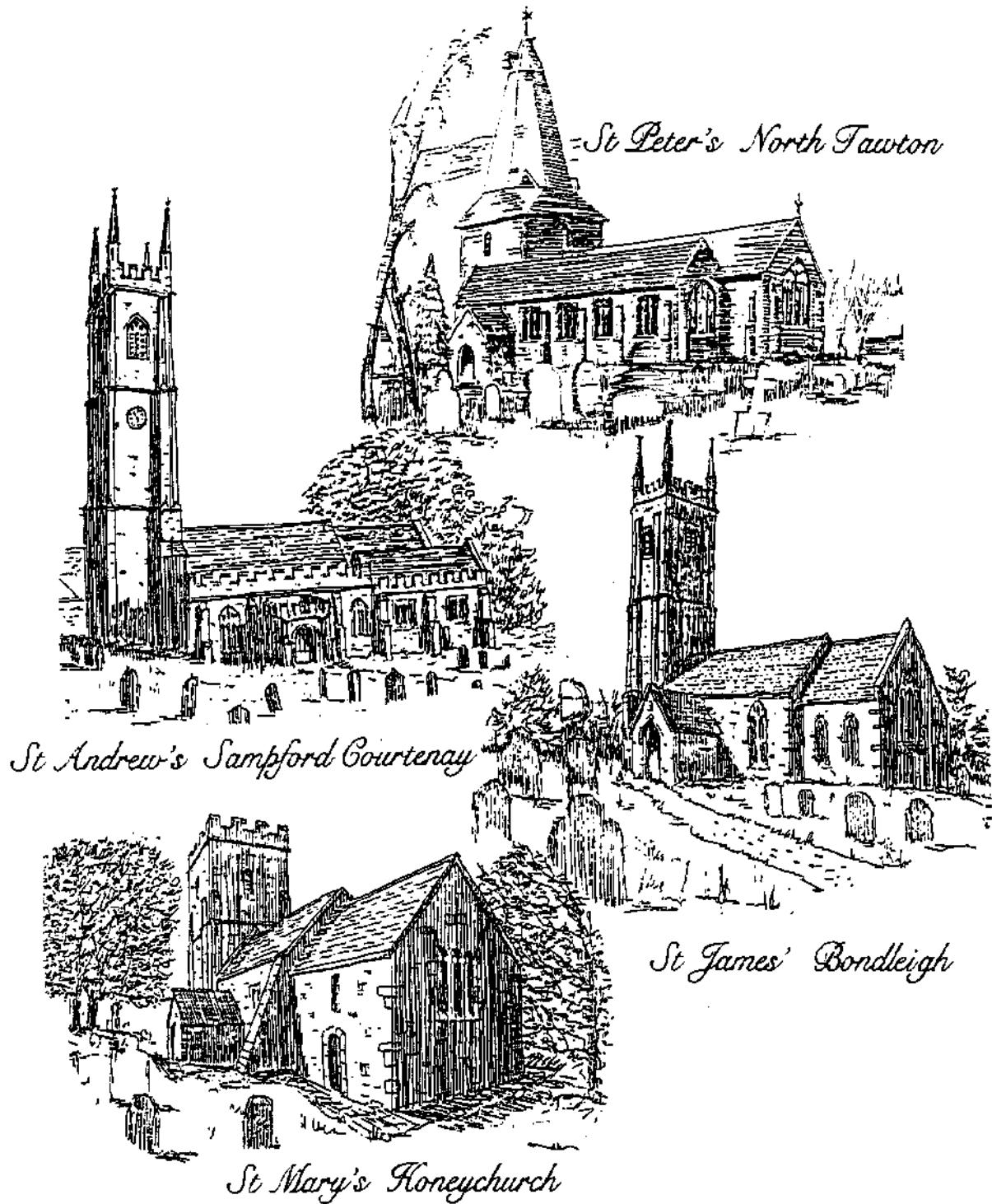


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From The Rectory

There's always hope

The expectation surrounding the England football team's prospects at this month's World Cup could not be lower. By the time this edition of RB is published England will have faced Tunisia, and will be about to face the mighty Panama. Surely we can beat them! No one really gives us a chance. But I predict that if we manage to beat Belgium in our final group game, certainly the best team in our group, suddenly everyone will be expecting us to get to the final. I doubt it. People who know more about football than me tell me that, however we fare in the group stages, we will likely meet either Spain or Germany in the quarter finals, and that will surely be game over for England. But maybe... just maybe... you never know... stranger things have happened... surely after 40 years of hurt we deserve some luck... there's always hope.

Let's hope there's no crowd trouble. Let's hope there's no security issues. Let's hope the stadiums are full and the atmosphere is good. Let's hope Putin doesn't try to steal the limelight. Let's hope the ad breaks on TV are short. Let's hope there's no dodgy match-swinging referee decisions. Let's hope there are no goal-keeping howlers. Let's hope it doesn't go to penalties. Let's hope England have been practising penalties. Let's hope they turn up and actually try to play this time. Let's hope we can at least get out of our group. Let's hope an as-yet unknown player sets the competition alight. Let's hope a small nation does unexpectedly well (but not Panama). Let's hope Scotland do well too (oh... no – they're not in it again... shame!) Let's hope... there's always hope.

I'm a sports fan more than I'm a football fan, but almost because of the lack of expectation surrounding England, I am actually looking forward to this World Cup more than previous ones. Maybe you are not a sports fan, let alone a football fan, in which case I am very impressed that you are still reading. But I think everyone is a fan of the no-hoper, the underdog, the minnow that overcomes the shark, the "David" that slays the "Goliath". The "beautiful game" might be our national pastime, and we may have the best Premier League in world football, but compared to Germany or Brazil or France our national team is a David rather than a Goliath at the moment. So if we were to slay some giants this summer it would be extra special. I'm sure the fans will play their part, with arms aloft, be-shirted in red and white, heads back and singing in full voice. Perhaps what we need is all our supporters dressed up with beards and robes on like Aaron, Moses and Hur.

The story is told in Exodus chapter 17 of the time when God's people faced annihilation at the hands of mighty Amalekite army. Team captain Joshua leads the army of the Lord out against them at Rephidim, but manager Moses

stands praying on the hill with the staff of God in his hand overlooking the battle. As long as Moses held up his hands in prayer the Israelites were winning, but when he lowered them the Amalekites began to win. It was a game of two halves! When Moses began to tire they put a rock under him so that he could sit, and assistant managers Aaron and Hur held up his hands on either side so that Moses could persist in prayer over the battlefield. They maintained their position until sunset and until God has granted Joshua's army victory. As I said, there's always hope.

Everyone at one time or another faces a situation where victory seems unlikely, where the odds are stacked against us, and it seems pointless to try. It might be failing health, or a difficult relationship, or a struggle to make ends meet. But I've played a part in enough sporting fixtures to know that there is always hope if we are prepared to turn up, give it our best shot, and yes... pray. More importantly, in the stories of David and Goliath, Moses and the battle at Rephidim, and supremely Jesus defeating death on the cross, we can know that there is certain hope for those who hope in the Lord. I don't know what will make the difference to the fortunes of Gareth Southgate's boys in Russia this summer. (I hope they have a good chaplain!) But I know that generally in life when people pray fortunes change. There is always hope.

Thank you Janet.... As some of you will know, Janet May our Parish Worker at St Peter's, is about to leave us to become Revd Janet May. Janet will be ordained on Saturday, 15th September, at 3 p.m. in Exeter Cathedral. Janet and her family will be moving later this month to Chawleigh where she will begin her curacy in the Little Dart Team Ministry. Janet has served tirelessly in the parish of North Tawton for the last 3 years. She has co-ordinated Thirsty - our church youthwork; she had led Sunday services and preached; she has been PCC secretary; she has done lots of pastoral visiting; but probably her biggest project has been to pioneer Tuesday Chat - our midweek outreach to seniors in the parish. She has managed to do all this alongside her theological training for ordained ministry as well. One of Janet's great gifts is that she has been able to build up teams around her in her ministry, so all the areas in which she has served will be able to continue in her absence. She, her husband Alfie and their children Dylan, Tiffany and Brady will be greatly missed in the St. Peter's Church family, but we wish them every blessing in their future life and ministry in Chawleigh.

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Alfred Bolt

The family of the late Alfred 'Alf Alfie' Bolt would like to thank all those who attended his funeral on the 23rd February at both the Crematorium and the Church Service. We thank everyone for their words of comfort and would like to make a special mention of thanks to his lovely neighbours in Butts Way who always looked out for him which was much appreciated by us. The retiring collection and donation came to over £500 and was divided equally between the charities Blind Veterans and the Alzheimer's society. Special thanks to the Royal Marines for the guard of honour and bugler and also the British Legion bugler.

Thanks also to The Railway to Claire and Bert for putting on a lovely spread. We shall be down there again on Sunday 22nd July at lunch time from 1 p.m. onwards and all are welcome to join us and have a drink on Dad.

We would love to see you all and celebrate his long life of 95 years most of which was spent in North Tawton.

Dennis Alford

Carole, Rose and family say a big Thank You to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and caring support following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. Philip Wagstaff, John Fairchild and Jim, the Bearers, Ann Cloke, the ladies who provided the lovely refreshments and served the teas and to everyone who attended the service at Lakeway United Church.

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Recent Bridge Closure – Black Clapper Bridge

Residents will be aware of the recent closure of the above bridge – by the time you read this, the necessary repairs will have been undertaken and the bridge should be re-opened. The repairs were delayed due to bad weather limiting access for the mechanical digger, and also due to pressure of other works. The Council had several queries about this closure, and people were telling us that they were carrying on using the bridge as it 'did not look that bad'. However, the bridge was severely undermined and in danger of collapsing into the stream at any time. No-one wants to see a potentially serious accident happening, so we do urge residents to be aware that these closures are put in place for good reasons – thank you for your future cooperation.

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North Tawton Memorial Park – Picnic Benches

An anonymous benefactor had donated 3 picnic benches to the park, and these were well used by local families enjoying the peaceful surroundings, the views, and being able to spend time with their children in a safe and happy environment where the children could play. One by one the benches have been vandalised, the last one was broken only a couple of weeks ago, at between 3 and 4 p.m. one afternoon. This most recent incident has been reported to the police. If anyone has any information about the persons responsible, we would be grateful to hear from you. We are now at a point where our community has been severely disadvantaged by the loss of the benches, as everyone who wanted to enjoy sitting down for coffee or a picnic in our beautiful park has had this option taken away from them. On a brighter note, residents may be aware of the ongoing project to provide better play facilities for all ages in the park; this project is progressing well and works should be undertaken later this year. We hope to be able to remake 2 of the benches, and place them back in the park – we will have to pay for them to be firmly anchored into the ground in the hope of retaining them for you to use.

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton WI Member

And suddenly I saw him – leaning on the handle of his Devon spade - looking wistful. ‘What troubles you dear husband?’ I asked. ‘It’s not the same’ he replied, ‘they used to come up and ask me – Is it you? Are you the ‘husband’ that she writes about, the ‘husband’ with an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of all things potatoey?!’ Maybe it was the way the light fell across his face, but could I detect a tiny tear in his eye? And so I wrenched the spade from his hands, pushed a hot mug of tea towards him [and a custard cream] and said ‘Enough! I cannot deprive you, or the good people who read Roundabout, of your ‘Devon ways’ any longer.’ So here I am again – preparing to give you my version of what went on at our last WI meeting, with a few extras along the way. Anything to put a smile back on that forlorn face.

[Husband has already corrected me – it’s a Devon shovel not a spade!]

At the start of our meeting, Jan – our new President - proclaimed that the room resembled something from the Chelsea Flower Show – and indeed it did. Alan French had brought along a truly magnificent mixture of summer plants and herbaceous perennials to illustrate his talk about ‘Summer colour in the Garden’. Alan is such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable plantsman, brimming with tips on how to nurture your precious plants and get the very best from your garden. He carefully worked his way through the fabulous selection of plants on show - from marguerites to nemesia, dierama to lavatera and scabious to astilbe. His talk included how to take cuttings, with the advice that the best growing medium in which to start off your cuttings is just plain old silver sand – who knew? – definitely not Melanie and I who turned to one another with an ‘ooohhh’ of surprise. Lavender, or anything with a silver leaf, much prefers a hot, dry and sunny spot – and did you know that lavender clippings can act as a very effective deterrent for mice [this brought an even bigger ‘ooohhh’ from Melanie and me]. Alan continued to pick his way through the English country garden in front of us – a beautiful deutzia [prefers sun or light shade], pretty penstemon [will flower from now until October and easy to grow from cuttings], mock orange [such a gorgeous perfume], red hot poker [went out of fashion but gaining popularity] and finally a Japanese maple – acer palmatum ‘Taylor’ – [stunningly pretty, good as a feature plant in a container but don’t let it dry out]. Inspirational ideas and wise words from Alan – [is that husband asking ‘but does he know his Maris Pipers from his King Edwards?!’] The business bit. Well a fitting description of this bit would include the words busy, exciting and energetic. Our attention turned to a variety of potential outings and trips on offer with a generous sprinkling of opportunities to eat and drink. How about a tour of the Taw Valley Brewery? Fancy a ‘Suffragette’ day at Killerton House? Or a visit to a fashion museum in Bath? Maybe try your hand [and eye] at archery? [always wanted to give archery a try. Me – Maid Marion, husband – Robin of Sherwood [but maybe give the tights a miss].

Our very own Lunch Club and Supper Club continue, along with Craft Club - which has seen one particular member, who would describe herself as severely lacking in crafting ability, actually produce a couple of items worthy of the words ‘did you actually make that yourself or have you borrowed it from Hilary [Inspirational Craft Club Leader] to try and impress me?’

Plans for our summer party are also in the pipeline – and this year we are going to try and put together a balanced menu for afternoon tea – I guess that means a slice of cake in both hands.

On that note – I’ll sign off, I need to nip out in to the garden and tell him the great news that he’s back in print. See you next month.

Sue Knott

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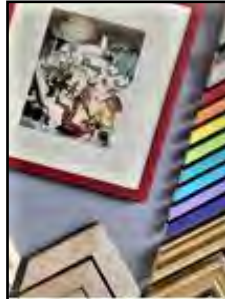


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A case of early migration?

The concert given on 12th May at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay is to be repeated at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hatherleigh, on Monday, 23rd July at the request of the organisers of the Hatherleigh Festival.

Those who missed it or would like a second hearing will be most welcome to migrate to Hatherleigh along with the cuckoo and the nightingale!

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News from the Castle

Hi everyone.

I hope you have all been enjoying the amazing weather over the past few weeks. The storms were pretty impressive too. I can't believe that it is already June - this year is flying along.

I thought it would be good to have a re-cap on progress so far on this little building conservation project of ours. Basically, the chapel, south end and central sections are now complete and (most importantly) water-tight! The final section we are working on is the north end and work is moving forward really well now that the weather has settled down a bit. Thank you all for your ongoing support, especially those who have come up to take a look and venture up the viewing tower!

In half term, we held a great event in partnership with the Institution of Civil Engineers where we had hundreds of children making pinwheel windmills and loads of people taking engineering tours of the castle and hydro turbine house. Coming up, we have a free afternoon of fun and games on Wednesday 1 August for National Play Day. There will be free activities taking place on the common from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (as long as it isn't pouring down!). Everyone welcome so please do pop along.

A few other dates for your diary...

We have 2 theatre performances taking place in August. Castle Drogo will be the venue for a very special performance of 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by Illyria productions on Sunday 5th August, 7.30 p.m. and the classic story 'The Railway Children' will be performed by Heartbreak productions on Thursday 30th August, 5 - 8pm. Booking is essential from the Plough box office on 01805 624624. Prices: £13 Full, £10 Plough Supporters/Families/parents with children under 18yrs).

Best wishes to you all,

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There was a good turnout for our June Jamboree. FONTS did a fantastic job at organising the event and even arranged some sunny weather! The bouncy castle slide was a big hit with the children and there was plenty to eat, drink and buy. There were some great raffle prizes on offer and the event raised around £1300 for the school

Using some of the money raised, FONTS very kindly paid for the whole school to see a production of 'Wind in the Willows' in the school hall. Image Musical Theatre did a wonderful and very engaging production of this children's classic. The children also took part in a workshop and some of the children were chosen to be in the production itself.

The summer term always sees lots of trips going ahead. The Year 5 and 6 children visited Barton Hall, near Torquay, for a residential visit. They enjoyed the chance to take part in activities such as abseiling, archery and raft building. Children in Chestnut and Beech classes went to Paignton Zoo. As you can imagine they had a fantastic time seeing the different animals and learning about them and where they are from. On a similar theme, children in Hazel and Willow classes visited the aquarium in Plymouth. For many this was their first visit to this fantastic local resource. It tied in well to the work they have been undertaking in class on water pollution and animal environments.

Hazel and Oak classes have had water based trips much closer to home. Both classes took a trip to the river in North Tawton and had a great time carrying out a range of activities and having a splash in the water in their wellies. The reception children in Oak were particularly keen to look out for any frogs. They had been looking after some tadpoles in class and were fascinated to see them grow their legs before they were returned to their natural environment. Both classes enjoyed the experience and for some it was the first time they had been to the river. It can make you realise how lucky we are living so close to many fantastic natural resources.

Again, FONTS have been very generous in helping subsidise some of these visits and each class was given a trips allocation so that the overall cost to parents was reduced. Also supporting this has been the selling of ice creams on a Friday after school and the odd cake sale too. It's been a good way of showing the children how to be enterprising and it has helped keep the costs of trips as low as possible.

Sadly, it has not been all play this term. As well as the various trips, the children have been undertaking end of year assessments and, in the case of Year 6, end of primary school assessments. The most commonly known assessments are the Y6 SATs. These were taken by our oldest children in mid-May. The children had a week of tests in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, mathematics (three separate papers) and they also complete a writing portfolio for assessment over the course of the year. SATs week is quite intense but was helped by having a pre-school breakfast club each day which allowed the children to come in early and have something to eat and drink before they started their tests. The children applied themselves very well and had worked extremely hard over the year in preparation for them.

Year 2 children undertook their own version of the SATs while Year 1 children undertook the compulsory phonics screening test. Not wishing to miss out, reception children have been working towards their early years assessments (no test involved) and the children in years 3, 4 and 5 all undertook end of year tests. The various assessments help inform teachers what the children are doing well and what they need to work on next.

Shortly after half term three teams from NT took part in The Dartmoor Cup cricket competition held at Okehampton College. They A team won 5 of their 6 games, the B team won 2 of their 4 and the C team won 3 of their 4 matches. It represented a great achievement and reflected the cricketing talent we have at the school.

Best wishes

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The speaker was Bryan Hollingsworth from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. He had brought a puppy with him, which he and his wife were keeping until it is old enough to be trained. He explained how the charity mostly breeds its own puppies, usually Cocker Spaniels and Labradors. The dogs are matched up with their new deaf owners, to tell them if the phone is ringing or someone at the door, etc.. Princess Anne is patron of the charity and they do not get any government help. Bryan had brought toy dogs for sale and several were bought by the members.

After tea and biscuits the business was dealt with. It is hoped to arrange a visit to the Sollard Cider Farm at the next meeting. Members were invited to attend Waitrose on June 8th to pick up the cheque for £230, which had been realised by the Community Matters scheme. The next walk by the Walking Group is to be on Friday June 29th around Cadham and Woodhall. The Annual Outing is on July 23 to Buckfast Caves, the Valiant Soldier Museum and Buckfast Abbey. There had been a meeting to decide on the subject for the Okehampton Show exhibit, the subject being Anniversaries. FOM winners were Ethel Nancekivell and Nicky Craig. Winners of the competition were Nicky Craig and Sally Kenealy.

The next meeting is on Thursday July 5th in Exbourne village hall at 7.30 p.m.. The speaker will be Alex Leger, a Blue Peter Producer. Non-members very welcome.
Margaret Weeks

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<http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>

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The remaining five all date from 1765.

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**Bondleigh Rainfall**

Finally I can report a dry month, May's rainfall was only 22.7 mm.. This fell in just small amounts as the thunderstorms managed to miss us. In fact this was the driest May that I have recorded. Is this the beginning of a long hot summer or is this our summer? We shall see.  
*Danny Semorad*





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### SCPC Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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### War Memorial Dedication Service – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – 7 p.m. in the Square.

Rita Bullworthy has kindly agreed to lead a short ceremony to dedicate the new War Memorial on 15<sup>th</sup> August to coincide with VJ Day.

There will be other invited guests and light refreshments in the Church rooms afterwards.

Please put the date in your diary and come along to commemorate all those who died in the two world wars.

**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 July 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Marion Pratt*



## Sampford Courtenay Flower and Veg Show 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

### Have you built your Scare Crow yet?

**Scare Crow** – let us know if you are planning to make a Scare Crow to display outside your property. They need to be in place for judging by 1<sup>st</sup> August. (If there is enough interest we may be able to organise a Scare Crow Trail!)

**Children's Class Workshop** – there will be a workshop to help with ideas for some of the Children's Classes on Sat. July 21<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. All the children's classes are OPEN to any Child under 16 in the "Roundabout" distribution area – so please ring 01837 82285 to find out more details and book a place.

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Each child who reads 6 books to complete the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge by 8th September will be given a **free ticket for entry to the Dingles Fairground Heritage Centre at Lifton.**

#### 14 July – 8 September during library opening hours

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#### Saturday 14 July 10:00-12:30 – Making Games Workshop

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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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**Saturdays 10:30 – 11:30 - Lego Builders for ages 5+**

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It was the author, C.S. Lewis, who pointed out that the English language has two verbs (*to like* and *to love*) for which the French language has only one (*aimer*). On the face of it, there may not seem much difference between saying you like football or netball and saying you love football or netball. But there is an important difference when you say you like someone or say you love someone.

We hope that parents will always love their children, even when they can not always like them. Indeed, children will learn from finding their behaviour is sometimes disliked by their parents, especially if the children are aware at such moments they are still loved by their parents. When the children become adults, they may grow to dislike aspects of their parents' behaviour, but it is to be hoped that the bonds of love will hold firm in both directions between parent and child.

Now, just suppose you were under orders to like your neighbour. The neighbour may not be someone you would care to like at all. He might be the man next door, or he might be French or she might be an international terrorist. So to be told you have a duty to like him or her might be asking a lot of you. How much more difficult if you are expected not just to make the effort to like them but to go beyond that and love them; and to pray for them even if they persecute you. There have been plenty of prayers offered for the victims of recent terrorist outrages and for their families, and for the brave emergency service members who have gone to their aid without a thought for their own safety, but not many prayers have been offered in my hearing for those who were the perpetrators of the outrages. And perhaps their need of prayer is the greatest.

The advice (actually it was a command) to love your neighbour (which can seem so impossible to do) is about two thousand years old and continues to be ignored on a daily, if not hourly, basis. The wonder is that there are still fools about who believe it should be followed. Hands up those who would like to be a Christian? Hands up those who would love to be a Christian?

*Uncle Jack*

### A Sermon in Wood

In the "Roundabout" dated February 1992, the Rector drew attention to the spire on St. Peter's Church, saying it is a rather odd feature.

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### News from Sampford Courtenay

Congratulations to the Sampford Courtenay bell ringers who took part in the Okehampton Deanery Bell ringing competition, held at Hatherleigh Parish Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Winners of the Intermediate section were Ben Squire, Amy Squire, Katrina Brook, Richard Knapman, Graham Pridham and Gary Stoneman, who were presented with a magnificent cup.

In the full peal section Sampford Courtenay A team were second with Nicola Bennie, Ben Squire, Lucy Capron, Gary Stoneman, Joe Stoneman and Ray Squire.

*Nicky Craig*

### Twining Visit to North Tawton May 2018

Members of North Tawton Twining Association played host to 8 guests from Blangy Le Chateau over the weekend of Friday May 11th – Sunday May 13th.

Our guests were collected from the overnight ferry from Roscoff to Plymouth at 8 a.m. on Friday morning and taken back to their hosts' home to drop their cases – and then the fun began!

It started with an official reception and Full English Breakfast at the White Hart, North Tawton, after which some walked up to view the sights of North Tawton – the Clock Tower, the Church and the Clink! Then we all re-convened at Arla Taw Valley for a very informative tour of the factory plus cheese tasting, of course. A big Thank you to Rob Whiteley (Manager) and Tim Kitchen and team plus our own Kim Stephens for providing a translation for our guests.

A quick return to the host homes to freshen up before an evening meal at The New Inn, Sampford Courtenay where the guests were able to catch up with Christine and Graham King – who have been involved with and organised many twinning visits since its inception over 40 years ago.

The first day rounded off with a musical evening at Winkleigh Sports Centre – where a variety of music and dancing was enjoyed by all, including Adrian Tilley (winner) and his band “All Bar One” and an alternative to “Duelling Banjos” – there were definitely duelling Saxophonists!

With no chance of a lie-in, Day 2 involved a trip to Exeter for a guided tour of the Cathedral and a Red Coat Tour from the Cathedral down to the Quay. Even the English amongst the party found out things about the Cathedral and Historic Exeter that they did not know. If you see them ask them about the origin of the Nursery Rhyme – Hickory Dickory Dock and a smoking dog called Butch!

A rather noisy lunch was enjoyed at “On the Waterfront” – (lots of Birthday parties going on at the same time) but the sun shone for us all to enjoy a meander along the Quay for a browse around the many craft shops.

It was then back home before a grand four course meal at The Railway, North Tawton.

Sunday started a little more relaxed with the first activity starting at 11 a.m. – an interesting tour and cider tasting at The Cider VAT – Sampford Courtenay. The cider making process was explained and also the history behind the names of all the ciders. (Again, a tour for the locals if you have not done it yet.)

The rest of the day before returning to Plymouth to catch the overnight ferry back to Roscoff was spent at Higher Town, Sampford Courtenay where the sun shone gloriously for a cold salad lunch, puddings and afternoon Devon Cream tea.

Plus the inaugural International Games Tournament – what was intended as light hearted fun turned into very competitive games of Clock Golf, Petanque/Boules and Molky (a kind of skittles) France v. England. The final “throw/hurl” by Sheila Quick won the day for England and Jill Whiteley (Chair of North Tawton Twining) was presented with the trophy by Pete Henshaw.

All in all a glorious weekend for all concerned. (It is believed that the French have returned home to plan a return tournament for our visit to them next year which may include Triathlon and Wild Swimming!)

Thank you to those from North Tawton & neighbouring villages who joined in our activities over the weekend and contributed to the catering and fun. North Tawton Twining Association would welcome new members of all ages to get involved with Fund Raising Events and future exchange excursions. Check out our Facebook page for more details.

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## Funeral

|                  |                   |                    |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Friday 18th May  | Jean SHIELDS (88) | St Peter's Church  |
| Tuesday 22nd May | Karen SMITH (60)  | St Andrew's Church |
| Monday 4th June  | Ivy BOLT (85)     | Exeter Crematorium |

## Burial

|                 |                           |                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 21st May | Dennis Leslie ALFORD (56) | North Tawton Cemetery |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|

## Baptism

|                  |                       |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Sunday 10th June | Rachel KNIGHT (adult) | St Mary's Church |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|

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July 15th / 22nd Carol Jones  
July 29th / Aug 5th Patronal Festival  
Hazel Towell  
Aug 12th / 19th Cath Pettyfer  
Aug 26th Trish Peters

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

July 1st The Brownies & Annette Ponsford  
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