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## From The Rectory

### All good things around us...

As I write this, the first decent rain showers for months have arrived.

While millions of us have been enjoying the heat-wave, the dry weather of the past few months has caused problems for our farmers who are concerned about their crops and livestock, forcing some into desperate measures to keep their cattle alive.

Farmers report: 'It's unprecedented. I've been farming for 25 years myself and we've never been feeding cattle at this time of the year, and we are at the moment, and that's the case right across the country.'

'We haven't had any appreciable rainfall since May, but if you have your office outside you are obviously at the mercy of the weather.'

'This is unusual – we haven't seen anything like this since 1976.'

'It's added a lot of costs because it comes on the back of a long, hard winter. I think that's what has made this year so very unusual.'

Added to this, there are many issues that put any optimism in farming under threat today: volatility in prices, both in buying what is needed and in selling what is produced, issues of increased and changing regulation with consequent form filling and changes in practice, the consequences of disease such as bovine tuberculosis - to name just a few.

And add to these the constant issues surrounding family stress, personal illness and the sheer hard work that has always been needed to work the land. It may be surprising that there is much hope at all for those who are farming today.

Despite everything we will always need food on our tables. To simply do that in enough quantity to feed everyone we will always need farmers. As we have seen the world population grow, and with it its appetite, the real issue of having enough to eat has become an ever more pressing issue in decision makers' minds. We have also seen how the value of the countryside around us has increased. Not just in financial terms but in people's perception. True, this causes conflicts over how the land is managed, where for example issues around protecting wildlife and keeping a farm viable are argued over. But if the countryside were not so valuable, it would not be argued over with such intensity in the first place.

So what those who work the land do is of real importance to this country.

Despite all the issues facing farmers, there are still many stories of how they are by their ingenuity, common sense and hard work, not just making a living in the countryside but thriving. Sometimes these stories have involved the individuals having to make a leap of faith at some point – be that a change of direction in the business, a decision to move into farming from outside (where they may have had a more comfortable job) or even a decision to retire. That leap of faith requires hope in something beyond the current situation they find themselves in, and that is the faith nurtured in the seeds Jesus speaks of in the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13).

That hope in the future though does not always take root and even if it does, there are many things which can come along to make it wither or to choke it off. These things are all too present in farming today, which can make it very difficult for those who work the land to remain hopeful about the future.

However, our farmers assure me that it is not all doom and gloom! One farmer told me recently; 'Who of us has seen the dawn rise in the countryside, or successfully raised and harvested a crop, or seen new life in a new born calf or lamb and has not known some optimism?'

One way of thanking our farmers for the food on our plates is to attend one of our Harvest services – details of which are in Roundabout (*on pages 23, 25, 27 and 29*). It's a great time also to thank God for the beauty of this earth, for which we are especially blessed here in Devon.

So as we tuck into our cereals in the morning, enjoy our roast dinners, our vegetables and fruit, let's remember that 2018 may have been a fantastic summer for many of us, but it didn't come without its problems.

Revd Rita Bullworthy



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## Memorial Park improvements - exciting news!

Work began during the week commencing 13th August on upgrading the Memorial Park. The improvements include the installation of a MUGA (Multi Activity Games Area), a basket swing, trampoline and Olly the Octopus see-saw. There will also be improvements to the Skate Park area in the near future.

These improvements follow consultation with the friends of the park including children and young people who use the park. Funding is being provided through the Bathway 106 agreement, NTTC and possible trust funding. The work is being undertaken by TK Play.

This is all very exciting news for the children, young people and families of North Tawton.

Please bear with us during this period - the park will continue to be open, but parts of it will be blocked off during construction for safety reasons.

Finally, work is also being undertaken to replace the railings adjacent to the top of High Street – this will involve rebuilding the stone wall as well as installing new railings.

If you have any queries about this issue please contact the NTTC Office.

## North Tawton Town Council – Contractors List

We are currently updating our list of contractors. If you are interested in being asked to quote for works undertaken on behalf of the Council, please contact us with your details. We retain lists of general builders, plumbers, painters and decorators, stonemasons, tree surgeons, and others.

## Dog Fouling – dog bags being put into buckets in Letherens Lane

We've had complaints about this issue. We are aware that a previous resident placed buckets at the top of Letherens Lane and periodically emptied them into dog waste bins. This resident has left, and there are no resources to empty these buckets. The overflowing bins are a serious health issue, and constitute fly-tipping. Please, if you walk your dog in this area, take your dog waste bag to the nearest bin – it can go in a dog waste bin OR a litter bin – thank you for your co-operation.

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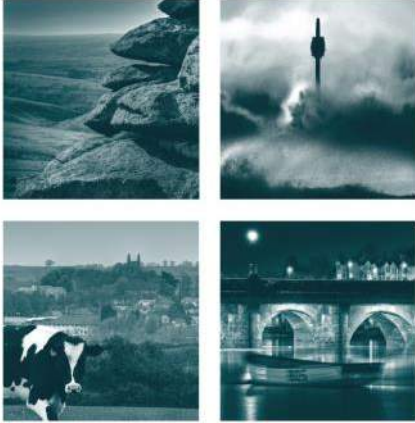
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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

### Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Why is it that all the delicious and naughty things we love to eat begin with 'S'? I'll explain – sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls, scotch eggs, strawberry jam and sponge cakes [if someone brought a 'salad' I didn't see it] This pretty much covers the mountain of food we were tasked to eat at our WI Summer Party which was held at North Tawton Bowling Club. Oh yes, we also had divine meringues, fruit loaf [please let that count as one of my 5 a day] and a lot of clotted cream. And this was supposed to be a 'balanced' menu – actually it was quite tricky trying to balance all the different slices of cake on the plates but our ladies rose to the challenge in true W.I. fashion. In an attempt to create an appetite for all of the above, some of our ladies stepped out on to the bowling green for some expert tuition from members of North Tawton club – and didn't they do well. The sun was beating down, the temperature was going up, the stiletto heels were cast aside and sensible flat shoes were donned. Instructions were given:

Stand on the mat, feet together, knees and waist bent slightly  
Take bowl in your preferred hand [right or left]  
Step out with your opposite foot [left or right]  
Take a small back swing [keep hold of bowl – it doesn't count if you bowl backwards]  
Bend down and roll bowl along the ground [ask for assistance to get back up]  
Roll it out at an angle so the bowl curves back towards jack [who?]

And I have it on good authority from Club member Anita that our own Claire 'bowled like a demon'. However, it was Sheila and Jill that took the trophy – [for 'trophy' please read 'posh box of choos'] Back in the Clubhouse [may I just say what a fabulous venue] things were also hotting up – the Guess the Baby Photo competition was proving to be tough. Just who was that little cutie with a fringe that started above one ear and finished above the other ear? And could that be a past president trying to convince us that butter wouldn't melt? The tea bell was tinkled and the feast began. Oh, it was carbohydrate heaven. [Make that carbohydrate and saturated fat] Some of the Bowling Club members joined us for tea but even their added support was not enough to scale the Scone Mountain or reach the Cake Crest, [am I going over the top here?] Husband is reading over my shoulder and wants to know why he hasn't had a mention yet. All in good time. Moving on to other topics – didn't we do well at the Okehampton Show? The WI theme this year was 'An Anniversary' so our working group chose to depict a First Wedding Anniversary [which is 'paper' before you rush off to Google it] And it came FIRST! So a huge WELL DONE to all the ladies who were involved. Whilst on the subject of the Okie Show – a certain veg producer close to my heart took it upon himself to enter 10 classes – with mixed results. Prizes for his tomatoes, courgettes and red onions but NOTHING for his spuds. A big fat ZERO. His beetroot were castigated as being 'too big' – his carrots were ignored and somebody nicked his runner beans AFTER they were deemed 'Highly Commended' along with the certificate! He is having counselling.

PS. I lied about the fruit loaf in a vain attempt to make the menu sound vaguely healthy.

*Sue Knott*



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The Bondleigh Barn Band concert at Ashridge Great Barn on Sunday 29th July was well attended and raised £457 towards a fund to preserve mediaeval glass in Bondleigh Church. Charlotte Rhodes provided pleasant contrasts to the full band with solo items on her harp in both halves of the programme.

Many thanks to Charlotte, to the band members, to Jane Semorad and her team of helpers for providing cream teas in the interval, to Lin Warre for organising the raffle, to all who came to support and finally to Chris and Carolyn Richards for inviting the band to perform in their Barn.

### The Church Bells at Saint Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

In the tower are six splendid bells by T. Pennington, dated 1770, hung in an oak frame by Stokes in 1905. They were rehung in 1970.

The earliest record of bells at St. Andrew's can be found in 1553, when the inventory of Church Goods noted that there was a peal of four. A new peal of six was founded in 1770 by Pennington's, a bell manufacturer and installer with premises in Devon and Cornwall. It is thought that Pennington's would probably have cast the peal in Sampford Courtenay and, since the furnace and pit were available, taken the opportunity to cast bells for other towers in the area at the same time.

By 1905, the original bell frame had become unfit for purpose and was replaced by the much-lauded Harry Stokes of Woodbury, near Exeter. The new frame was made of oak and was a particularly fine piece of craftsmanship, which survives to this day. At the same time, it was decided to replace the tenor bell, possibly because it was cracked. Taylors of Loughborough provided the bell, which was tuned using a new technique which they had perfected. In fact, they used a special lathe instead of removing metal using a hammer and chisel.

The Pennington's peal of bells had been hung in plain brass bearings. By 1970, these had worn out and had to be replaced by ball bearings as the peal had become difficult to ring. The work was carried out by Arthur Fidler, a former employee of the legendary Whitechapel Bell Company. Whitechapel features again in 2010, when the company was contracted to carry out a complete refurbishment and rehanging of the peal.

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## The Iron Man: North Tawton Town Hall, July 25 – 28<sup>th</sup>.

Nigel Davies' adaptation of Ted Hughes' fable for children, *The Iron Man*, was a great success when it was presented at North Tawton Town Hall at the end of July. The book was published in 1968, and Ted Hughes, who lived in North Tawton for many years, died in 1998: his widow Carol wanted an event to commemorate these anniversaries, and she worked closely with Nigel to produce the play. The book tells the story of a huge man made of iron who appears in a seaside village and threatens the livelihood of local farmers by eating their tractors and farm equipment: a young boy called Hogarth – well played by Matthew James – manages to persuade him to desist, and feed instead on the metal in the local scrapyards. The opening of the play was powerful and visually impressive, with the voice of Ted Hughes reading the beginning of the story and the Iron Man falling off a cliff. Young dancers from Sophie Sian's local dance school then beautifully evoked the movement of seagulls and waves as the Iron Man is put back together again. There was comedy too in the first half, provided by four local farmers (played by Colin Pimlott, Chris Jordan, Phil Hammans and William Speak) and a picnicking family terrified when the Iron Man emerges from the hill where he has been temporarily buried.

The second half of the play, in which a terrifying giant creature – the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon – arrives from space to threaten the earth – was even more effective. The creature itself was an amazing creation, imagined and constructed by Wendy Dacre, and sound and video were used to great effect. John Palmer, excellent as the Newsreader, held everything together with broadcasts which narrated the increasing threat of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon. Hogarth persuades the Iron Man to help defeat the creature, which he does in a series of trials by fire – the four dancers brilliantly created the effects of the flames, and Sophie Davies deserves mention for the choreography. Finally, the creature is sent to orbit the earth to the sound of ethereal music which creates peace and unity on earth, again evoked by the four young dancers, Ella Jones, Chloe Bailey, Charlotte Baulch and Ruby Noyse. The book, and the show, ends with a message even more important than when Ted Hughes wrote it in 1968.

The story – a fable with surreal and fantastic elements – was a challenge to realise on stage, but Nigel and his team of actors, artists, dancers and stage crew did a brilliant job: everybody I spoke to really enjoyed the show, and once again ANTS (Actors of North Tawton Society) have come up with a show to be proud of.

*Nicola King*



## News from the Castle

Hi everyone.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer holidays. It has been wonderful to have so many families wandering around, enjoying the glorious views and exploring. We recently hosted Play Day at Castle Drogo with loads of free games and activities on the common. We had over 100 people come along and 90% of those who attended were local which was lovely to see.

We are in the middle of the Big Butterfly Count and the Ranger team have been working with our friends from Butterfly Conservation to undertake surveys in the gorge. Early indications are that this has been a good year for some of our rarer species, including the pearl-bordered fritillary which lives on Piddledown Common. This is especially good to see as the money raised from car park charges has helped to fund habitat management for native species in the Teign valley.

Coming up, we have a brand new offer for local primary schools using the wonderful work of Peter Randall-Page, which is currently on display at the castle, as inspiration. This will be available for September and October and includes exploring Peter's work with one of our brilliant volunteers and then taking part in activities such as print making, line drawing and mark making.

The building work is still marching forward. The focus at the moment is on the North Tower (the bit that faces you as you walk down the main drive). Most of the stone from the roof level has been dismantled and we are getting ready to dismantle the wall on the east side down to the lowest roof level. It has helped having a run of calm weather, although the heat inside the scaffolding can make you feel like you are in a greenhouse!

I have heard that tree felling work will be taking place in Rectory Woods from early September for 4 – 6 weeks. This area of wood is a plantation on ancient woodland (PAWS) and the thinning work will promote a more natural woodland long term. Walkers will see diversions in place and some of the boundary fences will be temporarily replaced with ropes during the felling work.

Finally, we have a small exhibition on display in the Chapel at the moment which tells the First World War story of William George Arscott, a local lad who was a labourer at Castle Drogo who ended up in Salonika, Greece, as part of the Devonshire Regiment. The display includes footage of a performance by Okehampton College students which is incredibly moving. I hope you get to see it.

Best wishes to you all,

Paula

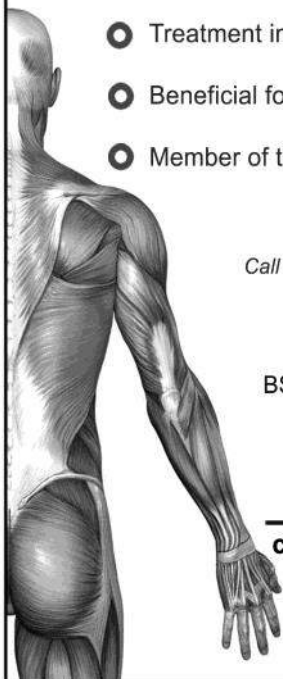
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The Armistice Community Commemoration brings together local people with different talents to present a picture of how the First World War affected this district a hundred years ago. Using a script prepared by local historian, Alan Parkinson, pre-recorded voices of members of the community will tell the story with a video presentation showing pictures and documents of the time. There will be "live" voices too and actors to show some of the personal pressures felt by ordinary people of that time, whether they went to war or had to meet the challenges of remaining at home to "keep the home fires burning". Local singers and a live band will lead the audience in popular songs of the period and there will be a remembrance of each of those from North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay and the surrounding districts who went to the war but did not return.

Although the commemoration is being given in St. Peter's Church, it is not a church service; nor is it a "show" in the sense of those given there by the St. Peter's Troupers in recent years. It is an attempt to recreate the spirit of a time in our local history when the war meant changes had to happen quickly: men could be required to fight for their country; women were pressed into doing work previously done only by men.

No doubt our modern media will be busy around 11th November reflecting on many of the national and international changes brought about by the world war and the effects they have still on us today. We hope that our local effort before then will reflect something of the changes around us in Devon and we hope particularly that young folk will be encouraged to come and see how life here was changed a hundred years ago. That is one reason for one of the performances being given on a Saturday afternoon.

*As we start producing "Roundabout" with a new printer, it is worth looking back at the July 1992 edition, when "Roundabout" itself was less than two years old and in it Dr. Jean Shields offered from "the Archives" the following article about the launch of an even earlier local magazine:*

In March 1910, the first issue of "The Parish Magazine" appeared and the first item was a letter from the rector, Rev. Robert Hole, who was 86 years old. This was the first paragraph:  
"Several of my parishioners have wished me to give consent and goodwill towards the starting of a Parish Magazine. I willingly do so, especially as I have great faith in the gentleman who is Editor. He will, I am sure, show the tact and discrimination necessary to prevent the magazine becoming a medium for idle twaddle or unnecessary discussion which, if not suppressed, so often leads to internal dissension in a parish"  
As well as church news there were items on fund-raising, social events, and reports on rugby and football matches. In April a public meeting was called to form a Nursing Association so that North Tawton could have a "fully certificated Parish Nurse" because, as someone remarked, "several cases had occurred in the past year in which the services of such a nurse would have been of great benefit".  
In July there was a long account of the wedding of Mr. J.G. Durant (whose bequest to the town is so topical) and Miss Blanche Bowden. There were no bridesmaids, but the bride's sister attended her as the "best girl" wearing a dainty gown of pale mauve satin charmeuse with amethyst and crystal embroidery edging the collarless yoke. The honeymoon was spent in Paris and Lucerne. In December, the editor remarks that "it is to be greatly regretted that the General Election should be coming on now, as I fear it will greatly disturb the peace and happiness of Christmas". In those days, elections were quite rumbustious affairs, with much heckling and throwing of rotten eggs etc.. Women, of course, had no vote. At that time, North Tawton was in the South Molton Parliamentary Division and for many years George Lambert (later Lord Lambert) was returned as a Liberal.  
In the same issue, someone signing as K.H. (probably Kate Hole) gives an account of the history of North Tawton and in succeeding months other local history items appear, some of which would bear repeating in Roundabout in future issues.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay

'The Vicar of Dibley' came to Sampford Courtenay on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, with a version of the hilarious TV classic, thanks to a group from the Hatherleigh Players. The chairs in St. Andrew's Church were turned round transforming the building into St. Barnabas Church, the Parish Hall, the Vicarage and the Vestry and the audience enjoyed some light relief and fun. The director was Jane Francis and royalties paid for this production went to Comic Relief.

At the Sampford Courtenay & Honeychurch Flower, Produce & Craft Show, held at the village hall on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, the prizes were presented by the President Christine Marsh as follows. The Piper Cup for vegetables-1<sup>st</sup> Bill Robertson with 52 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridget Grindley with 13 points, joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Veronica Mathews & Rod Levick with 10 points. The President's Cup for Homecraft - 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley McClement with 7 points, joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Pratt and David Botting Page with 6 points. The Hawking Bowl for fruit, - joint 1<sup>st</sup> Malcolm Craig and Rod Levick with 7 points, joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Robertson & Veronica Mathews with 4 points. The Flower Cup - 1<sup>st</sup> Veronica Mathews with 21 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Pratt with 16 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michele Wilson with 9 points. The Produce Cup - 1<sup>st</sup> Veronica Mathews with 34 points, joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Stoneman and Michele Wilson with 16 points. The Welcome Cup for First Time Entrants - Jackie Hedges with 13 points. The Leonard Horn Memorial Plate for the Longest Runner Bean, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Robertson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tony Harper. The Dornaford Cup for Best Chicken Eggs in Show - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Frances Weeks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veronica Mathews. The Children under 16 - Shield - 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Squire. The Children under 12 - Shield - 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Clatworthy Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Bird, 3<sup>rd</sup> Daisy Pridham. The Children under 8 - Shield - 1<sup>st</sup> Etta McBride with 21 points, joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Ralfie & Eliza Clatworthy Edwards with 3 points. The Christine Marsh Trophy for the highest Overall Points under 16 - Etta McBride. The Robertson Plate for the Best Exhibit in Show, Malcolm Craig for Honey. The Cleverdon Memorial Cup for the Highest Overall Cup - 1<sup>st</sup> Veronica Mathews with 74 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Robertson with 59 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michele Wilson with 29 points.

There were 460 entries (the same as last year) from 54 entrants (up from last year's figure of 46) with an increase of first time entrants from 3 last year to 13. The tallest sunflower was won by Shirley Reddaway 2.8m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Felicity Sharp 2.7m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Harper 2m. The scarecrow competition was won by David & Gaynor Botting Page with their Morris Dancer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Coleman, Eco Warrior, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Brackett, Wicker Vicar. Why not drive round the village and spot all 22 entrants!

The results of the potato crop from a single seed potato were as follows;

POSITION	WEIGHT in grams	NAME
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	3844	Rod Levick
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2170	Bridget Grindley
4 <sup>th</sup>	1977	Colin Coleman
5 <sup>th</sup>	1950	Barbara Smith
6 <sup>th</sup>	1896	Monica Smale
7 <sup>th</sup>	1780	Sarah Hanks
8 <sup>th</sup>	1562	Jenny Dennison Smith
9 <sup>th</sup>	1471	Sue Robertson
10 <sup>th</sup>	1395	Christine & Joe Stoneman
11 <sup>th</sup>	1344	David Botting Page
12 <sup>th</sup>	1136	Gaynor Botting Page
13 <sup>th</sup>	1038	Shirley McClement
14 <sup>th</sup>	958	Ann Palmer
15 <sup>th</sup>	928	Veronica Mathews
16 <sup>th</sup>	917	Bill Robertson
17 <sup>th</sup>	820	Rosemary Lowe
18 <sup>th</sup>	807	Andy Wilson
19 <sup>th</sup>	618	Gillian Townsend Green
20 <sup>th</sup>	575	Nicky Courage
21 <sup>st</sup>	207	Jim Stacey

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**SCPC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018**

**War Memorial**

**Meet Jeremy Chadburn at the War Memorial 7.30 pm** – after a full and frank discussion between councillors, architect and members of the public it was agreed that the newly sited War Memorial is not as the original plans which were agreed by both SCPC and members of the Parish at two Public meetings. The Architect, Jeremy Chadburn, was therefore instructed to go back to the mason, Mr. Piper, to discuss ways to rectify siting as per original approved plans. The spelling mistakes on the bronze plaque were also acknowledged, but this will have to be dealt with separately by the original foundry. There was also some discussion as to whether the new plaque aligns with the original plaque on the wall. Jeremy Chadburn will get this checked with a laser line.

**New Councillor**

**Co-option of new Councillor – Heather Smith.** – Chairman Colin Coleman welcomed Heather Smith as a new member of SCPC. Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interest forms were signed.

**Village Hall and VAT**

**Follow up from Village Hall Committee re VAT report.** (Letter 30th April 2018 from The SC-PC Internal Auditor, Nigel K. Wayne, FCA refers.)

Cllr. Palmer reported that the Village Hall Committee (VHC) had declined the SC-PC's offer to pay the cost of implementing the Internal Auditor's recommendation for a detailed VAT report reviewing the construction costs associated with the New Kitchen project with a view to reclaiming the VAT retrospectively.

Whilst the auditor's advice was consistent with the Information Sheet 6 - Village Halls and Registering for VAT published by *Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE)*, the VHC did not want the project accounts independently reviewed, which they regarded as closed. The Chairman cautioned that the VHC decision may be difficult to justify against the provisions of the Trustee Act 2000, which places a duty of care *upon the Trustees* in respect to *making / creating* the most effective use of the trust funds and to seek professional advice as appropriate..

Cllr. Palmer thanked the Parish Council for their generous offer and said the VHC may reconsider their position in the future should a similar opportunity arise.

**SEAMOOR LOTTO** – Sampford Courtenay Parish Council has registered as one of the charities who will benefit from the new Lotto run by WDBC. If you have not bought your ticket yet, please sign up at <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council>

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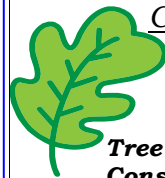
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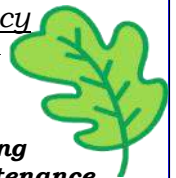
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### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

10th September at 2.00 p.m.

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

the Guides will host a **Cream Tea** from 3.00pm in  
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*Danny Semorad*

### **Okehampton & District Local History Society**

**Wednesday September 12th at 7.30 p.m.**

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**North St.**

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**“The Bidlakes of Bridestowe”**

*Elly Babbedge*

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The September meeting will take place at the Ockment Centre, North Street at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th September.

There will be a talk entitled  
**Coincidences in Pre-History**  
by  
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2nd Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion BCP
3rd Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
4th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion BCP
5th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion Common Worship

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**North Tawton**

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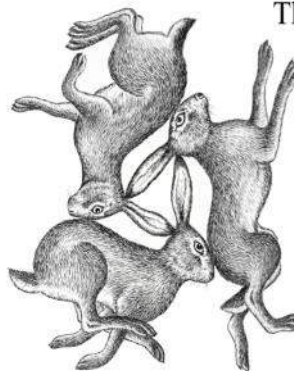
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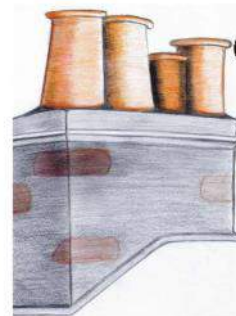
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Saturday 4th August Ben GULLEY and Melissa CANN St. Peter's, North Tawton

## Funeral

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### Bondleigh

Sept 2nd Trish Peters  
Sept 9th / 16th Jill Wilson  
(Sept 16th Harvest Festival)  
Sept 23rd / 30th Margaret Bridgman  
& Christine Tenholter  
Oct 7th / 14th Jacqui Bourne  
Oct 21st / 28th Bridget Higgs

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

Sept 2nd Wedding Flowers  
Sept 9th / 16th Margaret Arscott  
Sept 23rd / 30th Celia Boughton  
Oct 7th / 14th Harvest Flowers  
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Oct 21st Harvest Flowers  
Oct 28th Grace Hayman

#### Brass

Sept Sandra Delve  
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