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# From The Rectory

## Honouring their memory 100 years on

“Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends,” said Jesus once. (John 15:13)

Autumn and early winter is a time of important community commemorations. They come thick and fast over October, November and December. We are well into the season of Harvest services and suppers already. There will be numerous occasions over the next couple of weeks to gather in celebration and thankfulness to God for the harvest. Indeed, some gatherings have already happened, in Bondleigh and at Lakeway United Church. Still to come is the school harvest service (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept) and events in North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay and Honeychurch all noted in this edition of Roundabout. Soon the annual run of events for Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday will be upon us.

(And it won't be long before the Christmas adverts appear on TV as well. But how sad am I?! Whilst on holiday in August, I thought of an idea for my sermon at the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve! There must have been a bit of a lull in the family holiday antics at that moment. So earlier than ever before, I now have a file on my computer desktop named Christmas 2018 – and it has at least one document in it! Oh dear. I should really get out more!)

As has been advertised in the last couple of editions of Roundabout, there is to be a special Community Commemoration of the 1918 Armistice in St. Peter's Church this October (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – further details on page 16). It is 100 years this autumn since the guns fell silent on the Western Front at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1918; 100 years or so since 74 men of this community laid down their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. How much their sacrifice was out of love or duty or some other virtue, we will never really know. But the fact that they, alongside dozens of others who were fortunate enough to return, actually volunteered to go and serve their country in such great numbers still staggers me.

As someone born in the late 1970's, the Great War has always seemed like a long time ago, and in some ways hard to relate to. But even I am old enough to remember meeting a First World War veteran. He must have been nearly 100 years old when I met him in my parent's village in the mid 1990's. Despite being gassed at the Somme, he had returned to Devon to live a further eighty years, dealing with the effects of war in his mind and

body every hour of every day for the rest of his life. We will remember them.

The aim of our commemoration in October is to bring alive some of the stories of local people from this area whose lives were forever affected by the Great War - the soldiers, sailors and airmen who went, and those who were left behind as well. Through drama, songs, music, dance, and audio-visual presentation, we hope to honour the memory of the people of the Great War whose home we share all these years later.

Many of the names will be familiar to you... Samuel Alford, William Arscott, Norman, Richard, and Wallace Bolt, Percy Fewings, Fred Reddaway, and young John Moore. He's the one that always sticks in my mind. He lived in the High Street in North Tawton; and at 16 years old, rather than getting the bus to Okehampton College as would be the case today, he sailed aboard the battlecruiser HMS Invincible at the Battle of Jutland. On 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916 she sank in just 90 seconds after being shelled by two German ships, with the loss of over 1000 lives. 6 survivors were plucked from the water, but sadly John Moore was not amongst them. 66 years later, my father would sail on a subsequent ship of the same name to war in the South Atlantic. Thankfully he returned safe and well.

So please do come to our commemoration. It promises to be very moving as we honour the memory of our forebears. In that way you will be playing your part in what is becoming increasingly important in our nation – acts of remembrance. Sometimes I wonder if the increase in “remembering” is nothing more than wistful nostalgia, a hankering after an imagined past. After all, they do say that people tend to get more interested in the past when the present is changing at a rate they cannot keep up with. I think there may be some truth in that. But when people have laid down their lives for others, the desire to honour their sacrifice should never be derided or under-valued. After all, that is what Christian people have done for 2000 years, honouring the memory of the One whose great and glorious sacrifice is echoed every time a human life is given for the sake of others.

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## **Proposed installation of sculpture**

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## **Works at the North Tawton Memorial Park**

The planned works to the play areas and play equipment at the Memorial Park are all going well - here is the most current update:

- The multi activity games area (MUGA) is being prepared and due to be surfaced at the end of September.
- A new basket swing will be installed shortly.
- The see-saw is being replaced with a new model.
- A trampoline is due to be installed between the swings.
- A scheme for the skate park is being formulated, the Council is liaising with skate park users to ensure the scheme is suitable.
- New goalposts will be installed in due course, for the informal kick-about area.

The stone and brick foundations of the railings are being renovated in preparation for installation of new railings.

## **Area of overgrown hedge and bank – Exeter Street**

The Council's contractors have cleared debris left when this hedge was flailed recently, and are due to undertake more comprehensive works to cut back the base of the hedge/bank where it meets the road, and cut the hedge back more tightly – this will keep it under better control for the safety of pedestrians. The works will be undertaken on a Sunday, to minimise disruption.

## **Land adjacent to Taw Bridge**

The approach to the Town from De Bathe Cross has been much improved by tidying and cutting back overgrown areas. The Council is now looking to improve the area adjacent to Taw Bridge, next to the 'Diana Memorial Garden'. This area needs to be cleared and tidied; the ivy needs removing from the bridge. We are confident our contractors will 'work their magic' to make this approach to the Town much more inviting.

## **Resignation of Mrs. K. Tizard**

Mrs. K. Tizard has resigned from the North Tawton Town Council for personal reasons. The Chair of the Council has written to Mrs. Tizard to thank her for her valued contribution to the work of the Council. We were sorry to hear of her resignation, but we appreciate her reasons for doing so, and on behalf of the residents of North Tawton we do wish her well for the future.

Formal vacancy notices will be posted shortly.

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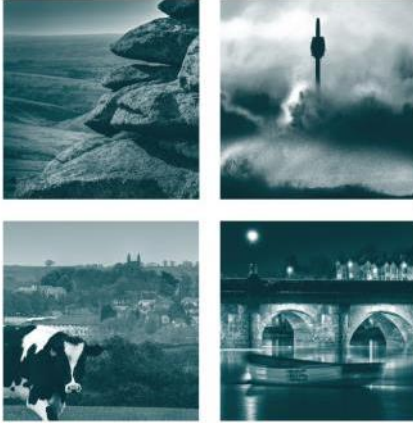
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**Yeo Lane** – complaints indicate that dog fouling is not being cleared up in this area. Again, dog bins are situated at the entrance to Yeo Lane. Please can we all work together to make Yeo Lane a pleasant place to walk for everyone?

**Dog Fouling Campaign** – we are taking part in a new initiative pioneered by Keep Britain Tidy. More information will be in the next edition. Meanwhile, causing a hygiene nuisance is not good. We do thank everyone who does dispose properly of dog fouling.

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

Shall I just get the 'bee' jokes out of the way first? I could say that our meeting was a hive of activity, or that there was a real buzz in the room that afternoon. But I can hear the groans from those sat at the back so I will just a 'pollen'gise [that was dreadful] and crack on with my monthly ramble.

Marian Minton has been beekeeping for 16 years but describes herself as 'just a beginner'. With the help of some slides Marian took us through the beekeeping year pointing out exactly what bees get up to during each season. Now I'm sure you're not expecting a detailed account of her talk [I'd need a bigger bit in Roundabout] so I'll pick a few random interesting facts that she shared with us.

Did you know? Honey bees don't hibernate in winter, they vibrate their wings to keep warm. The temperature in the hive needs to be kept at a constant 35 degrees C – not an easy job, as Marian pointed out. You just try keeping your central heating on at a constant temperature [I'm minded to say that just putting the central heating on provokes cries of 'but has Justin Leigh – BBC Spotlight presenter with severe allergy to hot radiators – put his on yet?']. The queen starts laying eggs in January in order to get the bees ready for the season and can lay 2,000 eggs per day. When feeding the developing baby bees the honey needs to be diluted with water otherwise it would be too strong. The male bee is known as a drone – the smaller female bee is known as a worker [we won't debate this now]. A queen can live on average for 3 years, the drones will die after mating with the queen [I'm not saying a word]. Apart from honey, bees also make propolis – a substance produced from collecting the sticky sap from trees and buds, it has antiseptic, antimicrobial and antifungal properties.

A few more facts – flying insects have reduced by 75% in the last 25 years. The parasitic varroa mite causes disease and deformity in bees and it equates to having something the size of a dinner plate living on you.

How can we help bees? – Let an area of your garden go 'wild' – embrace the weeds! And grow bee friendly 'single' plants rather than doubles. Useful plants to encourage and support bees include lavender, borage, mahonia, sedums, Michaelmas daisies, ivy and the small leaved lime tree. So let that dandelion flourish in your beautifully manicured lawn – Marian said so.

A brief break for a nice cuppa and a biscuit [pleasant respite from consuming half my body weight in scones and sponge cake as achieved at last month's meeting].

The business bit – we're off to watch the Antiques Roadshow being filmed at Buckfast Abbey. Husband has a selection of 'old stuff' in his storage container that I'm sure would thrill Fiona Bruce – I reckon she'll fair swoon over his collection of very early Farmers Weekly and National Geographic magazines and can you imagine the squeals of delight when he presents her with an old tobacco tin containing an antique set of lamb castration rings? I should alert the BBC.

Plans are afoot for a Pint and Pasty Quiz Night in November. Husband has started revising – his specialist subjects are Screwfix and Tool Station – he can quote the fine detail from both of their catalogues. He's just pointed out he can also do Machine Mart catalogue if necessary.

We've also started discussing 'Christmas' – [sorry - I know it's still September but I did try to type it quietly]. Our December meeting will be a party and rumour has it that Father Christmas will be attending to hand out the Secret Santa presents. I just have one Christmas wish. Mince pies. Please let there be mountains of mince pies. I LOVE them [and they love me]. Oh, and a ginormous pot of clotted cream.

*Sue Knott*

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Lorna



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Where does the time go? We have nearly reached half term and it only feels like yesterday when we were enjoying the beautiful summer sunshine in the holidays! We had a great start to the school year as we welcomed everybody back, new and old. A total of twenty brand new Reception class pupils happily joined the school. As I stood and welcomed them at the gates, all pupils were looking keen and eager in their smart new uniforms, ready for the walk into their new classes, with new friends, and a new Head of School! Using two non-pupil days, our hardworking staff made sure everyone returned to inviting classrooms with stimulating environments in which to learn. There were some last-minute changes to staffing but once again everyone rallied together to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

On one of the Non-Pupil days, the teaching staff from North Tawton School went to South Tawton School and met with Mrs Hazel Fox, vice CEO of our Multi Academy Trust (MAT), to have lunch. This provided an opportunity for staff from both schools to introduce themselves. Joining the MAT has been a positive and exciting experience for our whole school community. We have been able to share good ideas and strengthen links with other schools, allowing our staff further opportunities for training and professional development.

September is a busy time as we organise and select pupils to take on roles of responsibility around the school. We have four Houses – Taw, Okement, Dart and Creedy. Each House has a pair of new Team Captains who are wearing their shiny badges with pride. New class councillors are also selected by their peers in a democratic process every year. The selected pupils take their roles very seriously. We are always impressed by the way they represent their peers and the whole school throughout the year. Well done everybody!

We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest celebration with Reverend Nick Weldon. This annual gathering is one of the favourite events in our school calendar. As always, the hall was packed with parents and visitors sharing a special time together – a reminder to us all how we are immersed in the farming community whilst we lead our busy lives. As in previous years, the generous donations of packets and tins of food provided by the children were donated to the Okehampton Food Bank.

School dates have already been sent out as we plan ahead. I hope you are able to join us for our celebration assembly, which is open to all on the last Friday in the month at 2:50 p.m.. More details will follow next month when I'll be able to give you more information about the wonderful activities we have planned to ensure that fun runs alongside hard work.

Sunita Chauhan

Head of School



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## North Tawton Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

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Paul Grainge  
Assistant Cub Leader

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## News from the Castle

Hi Everyone.

As I write this update, we are just reaching the end of the school summer holidays. It has been super busy at Castle Drogo and it has been lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves. I have particularly loved the 2 outdoor theatre performances this summer – Hound of the Baskervilles and The Railway Children. It was great chatting with so many local people at these events too, so hello to all of those I managed to catch up with.

You may remember me writing about a drama, music and history project I was doing with Okehampton College as part of a national project called 'Away From the Western Front'. This is now in its final phase with a small exhibition on display in the Chapel which tells the First World War story of William George Arscott, a local lad from Drewsteignton, who was a labourer at Castle Drogo and 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. It will be in the Chapel until the end of September so I hope you get to see it.

Finally, 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.

Best wishes to you all,  
Paula

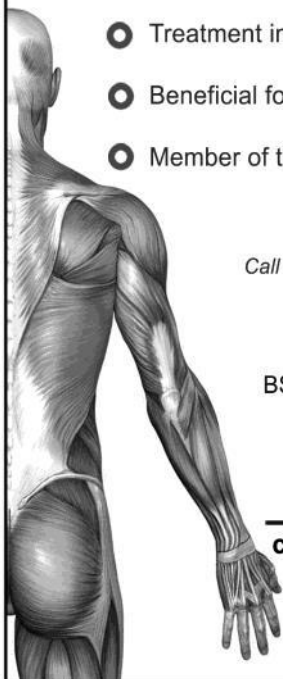
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Doors open half an hour before the performance.  
Tickets £5 (adult) £2 (children) available from North Tawton Post Office from Monday 17th September or on the door.

Ticket holders are guaranteed seats with a clear view of the video screen if seated 15 minutes before the start.  
Profits from the commemoration will be shared between service charities.

Over the past months, plans have been in hand for a Community Armistice Commemoration, bringing 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 remained 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 the 74 men from North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay and the farmlands around them.

Although the commemoration is being given in St. Peter's Church, it is not a church service, nor a concert; 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 change was forced upon the community by the outbreak of the war. Many in today's community have offered help in staging this event and we are grateful to many individuals as well as for contributions from the children at North Tawton Community School, the St. Peter's Troupers, the ladies of the W.I., the St. Peter's bellringers, ANT's and the Bondleigh Barn Band.

Profits from the commemorations will be divided between three charities:

SSAFA (The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) - the oldest charity of its kind.  
The Royal British Legion—which was started after the War we are commemorating.  
Help for Heroes—one of the most recently founded.

We hope you will be able to come along to one of the three performances to hear about life a hundred years ago and to offer support today to those who are still having to come to terms with injury and loss because they or members of their family were involved in armed conflict.



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**Royal British Legion**

The branch AGM is on Wednesday 3rd October at The White Hart at 7.00pm, for those wishing to attend.  
We are looking for poppy collectors for this year, if you feel you have a little spare time and would like to become involved please contact any RBL member it would be very much appreciated.

**Royal British Legion**

Date for your diaries  
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## North Tawton Bowling Club

### The Torrington Tournament



The victorious members of the North Tawton Bowls Club are pictured receiving the trophy for the Webbers Mixed Triples tournament, having won at their first attempt. The Tournament was organised by Great Torrington Bowls Club on 18 August,

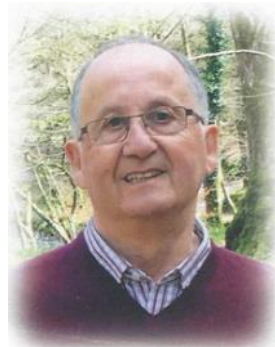
Team members Rick Ball, Alan Summers and Jan Summers said the win was the 'icing on the cake' after a great day of bowling and a really enjoyable event very well organised by Great Torrington. They said "We'll be back to defend the title next year".

### A SPECIAL DAY AT NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB

On a cold and wet Bank Holiday Sunday, down at the Bowling Club something was happening. A peek into the ground showed a large number of intrepid people (idiots?) in full wet weather gear, having a game of bowls in the rain. But there was a good reason for this madness: they were gathered to celebrate the life of Pat Ward, who passed away in July last year. Pat was well known in North Tawton and two of his sporting passions were bowls and football. So Bank Holiday Sunday saw a large group of family members and friends, including bowlers and footballers, meet to commemorate all that Pat did for both clubs. Before going out onto the green a bench was dedicated to Pat with a plate engraved with the inscription shown below:

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Then battle commenced and, after a hard fought contest, honours between the two clubs were declared to be broadly even. The event was rounded off with lunch in the clubhouse and a huge draw. Many of those attending had brought draw prizes and as a result, ticket sales and a donation raised the fantastic sum of £300; which was passed on to the Football Team Captain for the Junior Team. At the end of the event Bowls Club Chairman John Kinsey thanked everyone for coming and for contributing to a really special day in memory of a really special person – our good friend Pat.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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### SCPC Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

- 1) WDBC Report - WDBC Cllr Louise Watts reported that:-
- WDBC accounts had been successfully audited and are available on the [website](#).
  - WDBC are still looking at ways to save money and this may involve the closure of some public toilets or introduction of a small fee. (This will not affect this parish as SCPC is already responsible for the public toilets)
  - The Medium Term financial statement is also available on the [website](#)
  - A survey to assess the services of WDBC has been completed by 3,000 targeted WDBC residents – one of the issues identified was poor response to public complaints. Training for staff has been arranged to try and improve this area.

A few points were put forward by parishioners for Cllr. Watts to take back to WDBC:-

- There seems to be a Waste Collection van with mesh around the top travelling around the parishes with nothing in it. What are they collecting?
  - Has there been an update for the Joint Local Plan? - Cllr. Watts commented that the housing numbers had been approved and there were a few minor changes as far as she knew.
  - A councillor asked when there was likely to be a link road between Exeter Road and Crediton Road. It was agreed to add this to the Open Meeting agenda.
  - Another councillor repeated his enquiry that if WDBC/UK is trying to discourage use of plastics – why does WDBC insist that general waste is placed in black plastic bags rather than a dust bin? Again it was agreed to add this topic to the Open Meeting Agenda.
- 2) **Planning** – Cllr. Coleman asked Cllr. Watts to report back to WDBC Planning Dept, SCPC disappointment in one of the planning officers who on several occasions has gone against SCPC Planning Decisions, without the common courtesy of informing SCPC of the reason.

- a) **2694/18/PIP - Land at Sampford Chapple - Mr. & Mrs. A Morris – Permission in principle for development of land for up to 3 houses.** **COMMENTS BY 12 Sept 18**

The applicants' agent explained that this was a "Permission in Principle" Planning Application that had come into power in July 2018 – specifically to decide if a site was suitable for development. If successful/supported it would then move on to a Technical Detailed Plan (equivalent of full planning permission)

There was one Objection posted on the Website; and the Highways had put forward no objection.

Several parishioners stated that although supportive in principle for the application, they had several concerns:-

The site is adjacent to a blind cross road where the speeding traffic is already a concern.

If planning is approved for 1 -3 dwellings on this ¼ of the field – will this lead to further development of the rest of the field?

The site is in an elevated position, so without dwellings being set back from the road, and/or adequate landscaping/screening being provided, houses opposite could be directly overlooked.

Current Sewerage works for the 16 dwellings at Sampford Chapple has experienced several problems, residents are concerned that this would be exacerbated with more dwellings using the same plant.

While residents would support and applaud a decrease in the speed limit to 30 mph and extension of the speed limit boundary, they did not want this to include street lights.

"Permission in Principle" seems to be an immature process with little or no guidance on the WDBC Planning Portal.

Several in favour of dwellings to be affordable/starter homes in a style which was in keeping with the current dwellings.

Councillors, while taking the concerns of the parishioners above, were generally in Support of the application, but while acknowledging that more detailed information was not compulsory for this type of application, emphasised SCPC desire that all Planning Applications include as much information as possible to enable SCPC to give their Support.

### **MAJORITY SUPPORT**

- b) **2682/18/HHO – Highclere – Mr. J. Camiller & Ms. T. Brett – Householder application for extensions and alterations to existing dwelling and associated works (resubmission of 2578/17/HHO)** **COMMENTS BY 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 18**

The applicant explained the changes made to the original Planning Application (Supported by SCPC) to satisfy the issues brought up by the Conservation Officer.

### **SUPPORT**

- 3) **Autumn Open Meeting – TUES 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL**, suggestions for the Agenda include:

- |                                                           |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) Speeding and change of speed limit at Sampford Chapple | b) SCPC Questionnaire               |
| c) Link road between Exeter Road and Crediton Road        | d) Planning in Principle Guidelines |
| e) WDBC Recycling and Sustainability Policy.              |                                     |

This is an opportunity for parishioners to put forward their own suggestions for projects they would like SCPC to consider and make provisions for in next year's budget. Please let the Clerk know if there is anything you would like included on the Agenda, and please come along to the meeting.

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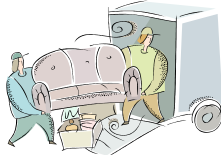
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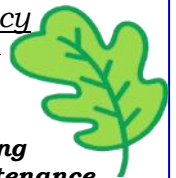
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**Sampford Courtenay Flower Club**

8th October at 2 p.m.

**A.G.M.**

**Jill Wilson - Workshop**

Tea Hostess - Sue Goodger

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

The latest meeting was held in Sampford Courtenay village hall on Thursday September 6th. The president welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was Peter Hood who talked about 'Playing History'. He belongs to a group which goes to various locations to play out scenes from history, including about Drake, Grenville and General Monk. General Monk was born at Great Potheridge, Merton and Peter said it was a bit eerie playing him in his birthplace. He had brought several costumes and equipment which are used and members were able to examine them. He was thanked by Larry Foster.

After refreshments, the business was dealt with, which included the new arrangements for the Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral. Also names were required to help with the Jumble Sale on October 6th. A visit to Solland Cider Farm is on September 12th. There was a minute's silence for 2 members who had died recently. They were Mary Daniel and Ruth Summers and both will be sadly missed. The display in Okehampton Show had finished fourth, there not being many marks between the first four.

Members had a very enjoyable time on a visit to Buckfastleigh, Buckfast Abbey and Buckfast Caves. Ann Langworthy and Wendy Taylor offered to organise the skittles for the WI league, the good news being that only six players are required this year. The next walk is on September 21st at Abbeyford Woods and there is to be a Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh on March 12th 2019. Flower of the Month winner was Sally Kenealy and the competition for a piece of lace was won by Shirley Reddaway. The next meeting is on Thursday October 4th in Exbourne village hall at 7.30 p.m. and the speaker is Chris Robillard who will talk about 'WW2, Barry to Bali'.

*Margaret Weeks*

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*Danny Semorad*

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Shirley and Alan retired to Falmouth, where sadly, Alan died so Shirley returned to North Tawton in 2008 where she was able to continue the friendships she already had in the district. She was a warm, cheerful and very attractive person who will be greatly missed by her friends and neighbours.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay

The deaths were sadly announced on 21<sup>st</sup> August of Brenda Pritchard of The Beeches, Sampford Courtenay, and on 25<sup>th</sup> August of Ruth Summers of Bude Farm, Honeychurch. A Dedication Ceremony for the new war memorial took place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August in The Square at Sampford Courtenay. Chairman of the Parish Council, Colin Coleman, welcomed everybody and gave an introduction. The reading from Ecclesiastes was given by the Rev'd Liz Singleton, Superintendent for the West Devon Methodist Circuit and the dedication by the Rev'd Rita Bullworthy, Assistant Minister, North Tawton Group of Churches. Major Peter Williams, Okehampton British Legion, read the names of the fallen and Colonel Charles Pyman, Branch President of Okehampton British Legion read the Exhortation. The Last Post was played by bugler Peter Cripps and the Standard Bearer was Ben Stephens. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Church Rooms. St Andrew's Church choir held their annual lunch at the New Inn on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Sampford Courtenay Flower Club held a most successful Jumble sale at Exbourne village hall on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September and over £300 was raised. Julia Harrison from Exmouth gave a stunning demonstration entitled 'A Feast Of' at the club's meeting in Sampford Courtenay village hall on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Members of Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI and their husbands enjoyed a visit to the cider farm and a cream tea at Sollard on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. We now look forward to the Harvest Festival and Supper on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 p.m..

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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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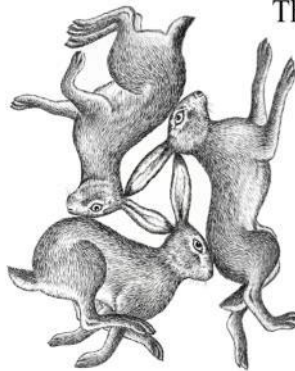
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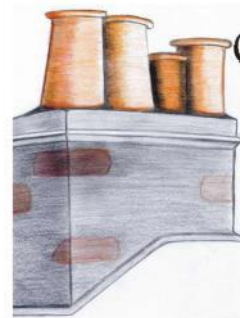
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Saturday 25th August Thomas CHISHOLM and Karina FEWINGS St Peter's Church  
Saturday 1st September Ian PERRIOR and Louise MOON St Peter's Church  
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### North Tawton

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