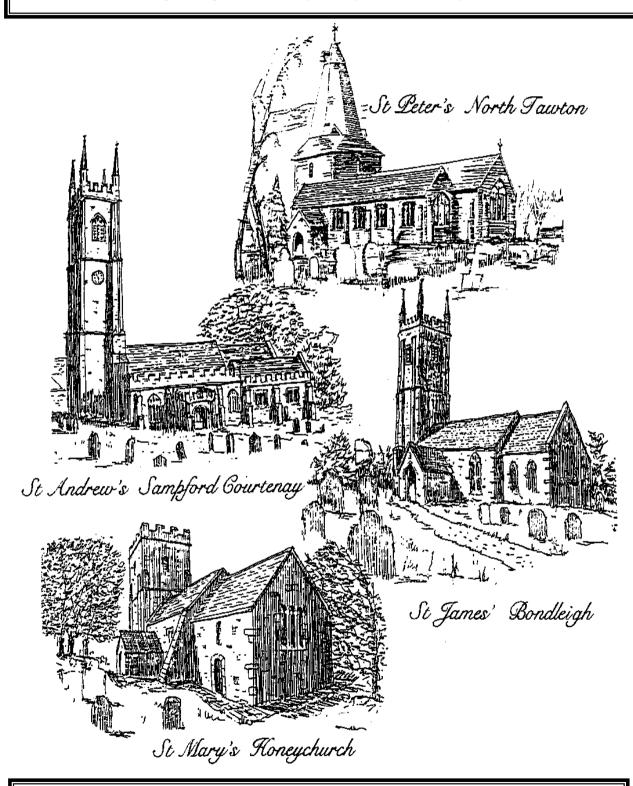
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Our lives are shaped powerfully by the stories that are unfolding around us. Those stories might be very local and personal to our situations. For example, my life is profoundly and unavoidably shaped by the ups and downs of family life and school life as Jane and I raise three children in this close-knit community. This is the lens through which we view life here at the moment, and many of you will inhabit a similar narrative. If we were older and the children had flown the nest, the immediate story we would be living would be rather different. But there are also stories that shape us from afar, and to one degree or another these will affect how we choose to live our everyday lives too.

Dominant in anyone's life is the narrative into which we were born and raised. Despite having left my parent's home over 20 years ago, I continue to feel their influence acutely, especially in the way I engage with my children. Fortunately for me (and for them) my childhood was largely a very happy one, and so the way I was raised is having a positive affect on my children – I think. I guess you should ask them in about 20 years time!

Other stories that shape us from afar lie out there in the wider culture in which we exist. At the end of this second decade of the 21st century there are several dominant secular narratives currently at play, and they compete for our attention as we each pick and mix the way we think we should live our lives. Let's name a few of them. One is that our identity should not be fixed by social constructs such as gender. Another is that metropolitan elites control the country by holding political and/or commercial power, and therefore they cannot be trusted. (This one has hugely influenced the on-going Brexit debate). Other dominant public narratives at the moment include popular feminism, and the rise of the Me Too movement. (I think I needed a hashtag there, but interestingly my not quite 10 year old iMac keypad doesn't have a hashtag key! Well, that just shows how recent the influence of social media is, and yet how dominant it now is. Ten years ago the button didn't even exist!). All of the narratives above and many other prevalent ones today could be bracketed under the so-called secular holy trinity of equality, diversity and human rights.

Followers of Jesus are called to positive cultural engagement. Indeed, unsurprisingly some of the narratives above have their roots in a Christian world-view. Women's Suffrage in the early 20th century

and the campaign for the abolition of slavery in the early 19th century, both of which were championed by Christians, have given rise to the inclusion agenda of today. But so beguiling are many of the narratives playing out today, that we can find ourselves adopting them almost without thinking.

The Christian is called to positive cultural engagement, but we are also called, as the Apostle Paul writes, to "not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." I think that's a good Bible verse to meditate on at the start of 2019 with its spaghetti junction of competing narratives. The verse could be paraphrased as... refuse to allow the dominant cultural narratives to have the last word in your heart and life. Or as one commentator has written, "don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remould your mind from within." I like that.

We will all have to make up our minds as to which stories we will inhabit in the year ahead. I guess that is what I am angling for... that we make up our minds about that, and don't just get swept along with the cultural tide. For the most part, we will all just have to get on with what is most pressing in our lives at the moment. For me, like many of you, that will be a mixture of work-life and family-life with not much time left over for other things. But I am keenly aware that there are a series of big stories out there in the wider culture at the moment that will affect how I engage in the small story of my life. Some of them are right and good, at least in part, some of them I suspect I should be more suspicious of, because their influence on me and my household may be a lot more destructive than I care to imagine.

Overall, in the year ahead, I'm looking forward to further immersing myself in God's great story of redemption. That, for me, is the great lens through which all reality comes into proper focus. So far, it has never been anything less than thrilling to me. It captures the heart, fills the imagination and drives me forward. I hope you feel the same, or at least will give it some thought if you don't.

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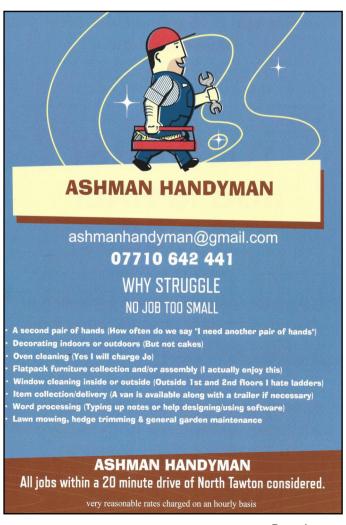












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Nearly 29 years ago, the first issue of Roundabout appeared. The Editor, Edna Eglington, operated from 9 North Street and we reproduce here her first editorial:

WELCOME to ROUNDABOUT - The magazine that is for everybody roundabout North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay and Honeychurch. It will be delivered each month free to every household in these four parishes. We hope it will be enjoyed by all and will prove to be useful in getting to know each other.

This is not just a church magazine - though the churches are all co-operating - it is for the whole community, and we hope that secretaries of organisations round-about will send us reports of their meetings, advance notice of their programmes and events, and perhaps persuade their members to contribute articles on matters that interest them.

We should like to hear from any of you who have some special knowledge to share, or perhaps can tell us something you remember from the past. We shall be open to most subjects but strictly non political.

Many thanks to all those who are making this venture possible: our Rector, Tony Gibson, who started the ball rolling, Lyn Gibson for the cover pictures, Geoffrey Preece, for bringing in the advertisers, the advertisers themselves for their support, the gallant band of volunteers distributing the magazine and Express Foods of North Tawton for production of the covers. Material for the October issue should reach me by Monday 17th September and I look forward to hearing from you.

The names and the copy date have changed, but otherwise the aspirations of the first edition remain the same today.

Remembered a century on, casualties of the Great War.

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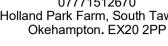
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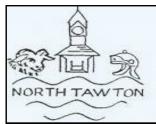


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Update on the North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan

Following the conclusion of the consultation process, the Neighbourhood Plan development group collated and analysed all the comments received and amended the plan accordingly. This included extensive discussions with West Devon Borough Council who made a number of recommended amendments to the draft plan, most significantly the inclusion of allocated sites. This process inevitably took longer than anticipated.

A number of documents have been submitted to West Devon Borough Council for the next stage of the process. These include the latest version of the Plan, plus relevant maps and appendices; a Statement of Consultation; a Basic Conditions Statement which demonstrates that we have followed all the appropriate stages of the neighbourhood planning process. (all are available on the NTTC website).

On completion of the final consultation and receipt of these Submission Documents, WDBC must publicise them on their website and in any other appropriate manner to bring the information to the attention of all stakeholders (people who live, work or carry on business in the Neighbourhood Plan area) as well as notifying all consultee bodies involved in the Second Public Consultation. They must allow a period of at least 6 weeks for any representations on the proposals to be received. We anticipate this should be in February/March.

Following this process will be the Official Examination of the Plan where WDBC will appoint a person, the 'Independent Examiner', to carry out an independent examination of the Neighbourhood Plan.

When the Neighbourhood Plan is satisfactory, after making any necessary modifications, WDBC will arrange for The Referendum to take place. This will be organised by the elections unit and the local authority is required to publish information about the Neighbourhood Plan. They are required to give notice that a referendum is taking place and the date of the poll.

We will of course continue to keep you informed of progress and the date of the forthcoming referendum - we thank you for your patience!

Cllr Jean Trewhitt, Chair of the Neighbourhood plan Development Group

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

So, did your fairy lights make it through the Festive Frenzy? And did you remember to buy enough indigestion/ heartburn remedy to see you through those moments when you knew you shouldn't have had that last mince pie/piece of Christmas cake but you were trying to make the plate look tidy? Hmmmm. Maybe best not stand on those digital scales just yet. Anyway, isn't Christmas supposed to be the time when you let yourself go and enjoy a bit of indulgence? Did you hear that husband? I said a bit.

Favourite bits of Christmas? Singing Christmas carols in St Peter's (but why does no one sing "We Three Kings" anymore? Can I put in a request for next time?) And our W.I. Christmas party which was fabulous, made even more fabulous by the 'unexpected' arrival of a jolly little fat bloke dressed in red (forgive me Nigel). Husband's favourite bit consisted of Connect Four, Old Maid, Happy Families, Frustration (remember that one? – the game with the amazing 'Pop -o-Matic') and a very amusing (and messy) new game called 'Pie Face' - you need to Google it. Let's pack Christmas away (until at least August) and talk about India. Pam Kemp has visited southern India on several occasions and had brought a stunning selection of slides which beautifully enhanced the story of her travels. A very potted version as follows: arrived by boat at southern tip – Kerala - and on to the capital – Thiruvananthapuram which is crowded with people and alive with noise, traffic and colour. Went to see the Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple (dates back to the 8th century and is considered to be the world's richest temple). A particular highlight for Pam was a visit to the Kochi backwaters – an extensive network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals - used by local people for agriculture, fishing and transport and a fantastic haven for bird life. A visit to St. Aloysius college chapel revealed an incredible ceiling painted by the Italian artist Antonio Moscheni – a must see. A slight pause here to tell us a little about the ancient religion of Jainism, the essence of which is concern for the welfare of every being in the universe and the health of the universe itself. Jains are incredibly strict vegetarians and live life in a way that minimises their use of the world's resources.

Back to our tour and a slide depicting Arab dhows – timber sailing vessels – which are handmade and can take up to four years to build. Moving on to a trip up the Hooghly river where you will see huge colourful flower markets filled with marigolds, roses, jasmine and lotus flowers. And finally, a stop at Sarnath, near Varanasi, a famous Buddhist pilgrim spot and where Buddha gave his first sermon.

Describing her trips as vibrant, noisy, colourful and alive it was clear that Pam carries a huge passion for India, and during her hour with us she conveyed that passion with humour and colour in abundance.

So, you're probably wondering what North Tawton W.I. is up to in 2019? It's not as if there's anything important on the country's agenda – (that was aimed in husband's direction as he tries to distract himself from B—x-t by pouring over the latest seed potato brochure) Well, we hope to be visiting a family run Devon jeweller that started in 1918 and is four generations old. We're off to "An Exclusive Evening with John Lewis" – (seed spud catalogue swiftly dropped in horror as he realises potential economic impact) and we have a winning team entered in the County Quiz (I might have got a little ahead of myself there). How about entering the County Whist competition? Husband has asked if having Mr Bun, Mrs Bun, Miss Bun AND Master Bun puts him in with a chance.

And finally, there is a Devon Federation writing competition – members are invited to write "an urgent text conversation between two people" using up to 500 characters and including the full meaning of any abbreviations used! I suddenly feel very old. However, I will sign off by saying B4N and HAND. Sue Knott (I just Googled a list of text abbreviations)

Not wishing to confuse any of our readers your editors understand Mrs Knott's sign off as "'bye for now" and "have a nice day".

HONEYCHURCH

Richard and Raymond, Churchwardens for St. Mary's Church Honeychurch, would like to thank everyone who attended / made a donation towards the Honeychurch quiz at the end of November. The sum of £470 was raised and is a fantastic addition to church funds.

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All seats will be numbered and unfortunately tickets cannot be held back. Tickets will be available on the door.

Proceeds for Guide and Brownie funds.

One of those to respond to the first editorial in "Roundabout" (see page 5) was the late Dr. Jean Shields whose interest in local history was reflected in articles published in the magazine over the years. Here is one of them first published in November 1991:

FROM NORTH TAWTON ARCHIVES

As many people already know, the Rector found a number of interesting old documents and books relating to North Tawton at the time of the Flower Festival. These have now been deposited at the County Record Office in Exeter, to comply with a Church of England requirement that all documents over one hundred years are so deposited. These books are nearly all in an extremely fragile state, and it is the intention of the C.R.O. to microfilm them and make them available on microfiche during the next twelve months. It was not advisable to photocopy them because the light and heat of the copier damages the paper or parchment even further. I made a few extracts before handing them in and in this and subsequent issues will reproduce some typical entries.

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(note: the original entries in italics retain the original spelling! Dr. Shields explanatory comments are in normal print):

17.3.1745	To searching the register at Plimouth for Anne Luxton's marriage (If Anne could not prove her marriage and was pregnant, she and	3/-
1.5 2 1.5 1.5	her baby might become a charge on the ratepayers)	- /-
17.3.1745	To James Croote for making the turnpikes	7/4
13.2.1748	To Mr. Christopher Kelland for 30 yards of kersey at 2/4 per yard (A smooth woollen cloth used for overcoats, in this case presumably for the poor)	£3.10.0
27.3.1748	To Robert Luxton for making a waistcoat and breeches for John Johns	1/6
21.1.1750	To a poor sailor	6d
26.11.1750	To the making of Thomas Hawkins agreement & indentures	4/0
	(This concerned his apprenticeship to the shoemaker)	
13.1.1752	To the charges of the burial of John Holes	12/-
19.11.1752	To 5 bibles for the Charity School	12/6
12.4.1754	To Miriam Hawkins for the maintenance of her base children	8/-
	(There were frequent payments to Miriam and her offspring)	
12.4.1754	To William Western for killing a badger and one night's watching	1/6
24.11.1754	To Mr. Robert Clapp for the loan of a loom for Thomas Howe	
	and money delivered him	4/3
	(probably the overseers were helping Thomas to set up as a weaver	
24.11.1754	To the expences of convicting John Willcox of prophane swearing	£2.2.6d
21.9.1756	To the postage of a letter from Honeychurch at Taunton	3d
	(This may mean Honeychurch the place or the man, as	
	Honeychurch was a common name in North Tawton at	
	this period)	
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Before 1971, the pound in our pocket was divided into 20 parts called shillings, and each shilling divided into 12 pence. So convicting John Willcox cost two Pounds, two shillings and sixpence — £2.2.6d. The "d" for pence may seem strange nowadays but had remained from Roman times when the coin was called denarius.

Of course, what you could buy for a pound in the 1750's is not the same as a pound will buy today, but not many folk to day would expect to pay less than a pound for a burial, even if it is the cheapest available!

Nor would you expect to buy a bible today for 12.5p!





North Tawton Community Primary School

What a fantastic start to the new year! Everyone is back to work with fresh enthusiasm and after the Christmas break. We have welcomed two new members of staff to the school: Mrs. Rebecca Budiman and Mrs. Hannah Fee have joined the teaching team, making a great start with the pupils in Chestnut and Willow Classes.

We are currently working to improve standards in writing throughout the school to meet, and indeed exceed, National Expectations.

To make sure the children are engaged and interested, the staff at the school are following a wide range of interesting topics to encourage a love of reading and writing. In Reception class we are looking at the Polar regions and the continents. Chestnut class is off to 'China'!, Willow class is discovering the wonderful contributions made by the Romans, Willow class is studying Innovators, Inventors and Inspirational Individuals, and the oldest pupils are learning all about World War II. In order to bring learning to life the pupils have trips out and visitors in, and often engage in roleplay activities. A dreadful racket outside my office turned out to be a re-enactment of an air raid. This resulted in a superb piece of writing by a Year Six pupil who evoked such a real sense of drama and suspense, showing how strongly emotions are stimulated with real events.

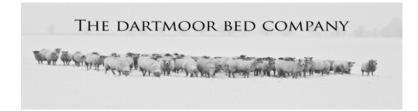
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At the station, it was chaos, Mothers and their children being
pushed around, and women crying as the train sped off down the
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over my head, and gave me my gas mask box with my
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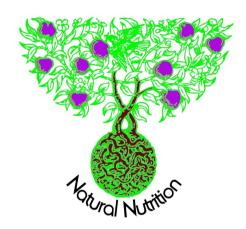
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- Make suggestions for this year's schedule

This year's show will be on Saturday 24th Aug 2019

At a moment when a meeting has been called to consider a Nanny Knight's Revel in the near future, it may be of interest to read of an entry in Roundabout dated May 1991. submitted to the Editor by "W.J" who is described as "one of our newer residents in North Tawton" who had written to Roundabout "regretting the passing of old customs..."

....In bygone years our patronal festival (St Peter's Day 29th June) was celebrated, in the secular sense, by an actual "revel", called "Nanny Knight's Revel", which usually took place at the "Bark Yards" at the lower end of Fore Street. It was last held sometime in the the 1930's.... This year there will be a festival in North Tawton at St Peterstide: Could the "Revels" be revived? What has happened to the Maypole, the Morris Dancers and all the other celebratory groups of one kind or another? It is not good to see old customs languish and die out.... Rogation Sunday this year falls on May 5th. Rogation is that time of the churches year when parishes traditionally "Beat the Bounds" at certain salient points the Parish Boundaries would be somewhat forcibly impressed upon the choristers by one or another of them being bumped on the ground. Some parishes "Beat the Bounds" with withies rather than choristers. But in all cases there was a procession of clergy and congregation around the boundaries, terminating in a parish tea. This ceremony has also fallen into desuetude here since the 1870's. Why cannot it be revived?"

It is curious that "WJ", described as one of our newer residents should have been so knowledgeable about something which took place in the town about 60 years before. Some parishes used the withies to beat the choristers rather than the bounds. A custom we can do without today.



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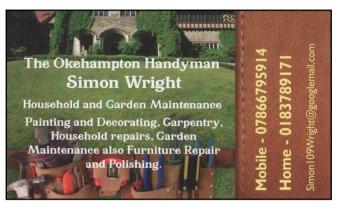
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ACE Archaeology Club.

We have spent the winter preparing for the next dig and enjoying walks and most recently a day on identifying animal bones with Dr. Wendy Howard.

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Our next ACE Saturday is on working with leather, and this is on the 3rd February. There will be a charge for this to cover the cost of the leather. We hope to make a small mediaeval style purse, but up to you!

Details on the website along with all the other days that are so far arranged; these could include walks, a visit to a brewery and an experimental archaeology day.

Moistown Excavation

We have also set our dig dates for this year.

20th the 28th July and then week off to catch up with things and rest.

Then the 3rd to the 18th August. All of these dates do depend on the weather so we will need some flexibility.

We would love to see our membership grow so do please get in touch and perhaps come along to one of our ACE days to meet us and see what you think.

Erica Williamson
ACE Archaeology Club secretary
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News from the Castle

Hi everyone.

Work is whizzing along inside the castle with the team moving all of the precious collection as we re-present the castle back to a family home. We are getting ready to paint ceilings, repair plaster and un-wrap the various items which have been packed away for the duration of the major building restoration work. It seems that every day we get reacquainted with an 'old friend'. We are so excited to share this with you all and for a year of doing this work in front of visitors in 2019.

I was so disappointed that the locals' open day in November was hit by heavy rain and wind speeds of over 70 mph. Sadly, we had no choice but to close the site down. I would like to invite you to attend a rescheduled date on Wednesday 10 April, 11am – 3pm, instead. Just bring either your membership cards or a copy of this publication with you for free entry. Hopefully Spring will be kinder!

Paula

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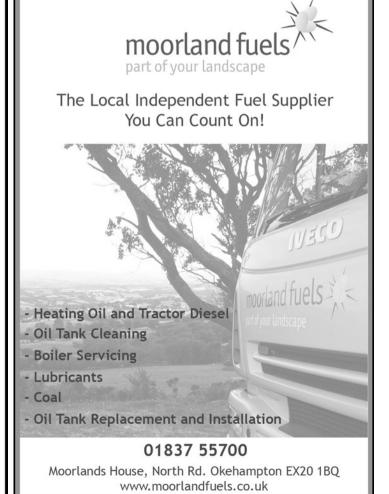
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The Lady and the Handbag

No, not that lady! Nor any of her handbags. This was a handbag handed in to be sold by our local group to raise money for Cancer Research UK. And it was handed in about eighteen months ago, so this is a story of perseverance. One of the sharp-eyed ladies (her name is not to be published) who received the handbag had a feeling it might be a bit special. It had internal features not found in your average handbag. Two tiny lights had been fitted — one that shone down into the bag to help you find your keys and the other shone through a little window in the bag to help you put your key in the door if it was dark. There was a compartment for cigarettes, a place to put your lipstick and a bottle of perfume, a built-in mirror and a hidden comb along with a little book of instructions detailing everything you needed to know about this very special bag (designed by L.F.W. Straeter in the 1950's) and surely it could only be made of leather. A trip to find an expert in Exeter seemed called for.

Alas, that gentleman [whose name also had better not be published) proved a bit sniffy and dismissive about the bag. Not leather was his verdict, but our intrepid lady (I remind you that her name is not to be published) decided to test its value and risk her anonymity by taking it along to the BBC's "Antiques Road Show". (You may have seen the programme and remember who the lady was, but please remember her name is not to be published; we don't want her to sue "Roundabout")

The BBC's handbag expert appreciated the bag rather more than the first valuer. So, the lady was emboldened to place the bag in a special auction for handbaggery and such like. That sale has now happened and the handbag went for £110. The lady's husband is not on record to say if he thinks that is a snip for a handbag or somewhat OTT. Other blokes will have their views. But our intrepid "Roundabout" reporter (who, after this article also wishes to remain anonymous) has persevered for months to bring this happy outcome to your notice – a second example of perseverance rewarded.



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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

SAMPFORD COURTENAY PARISH SURVEY 2018- HAVE YOUR SAY - DUE TO POOR RESPONSE FROM PARISHIONERS THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE END OF JANUARY (early Feb).

Even if you do not wish to complete the questionnaire – a response of "Can't be bothered" would give Sampford Courtenay Groups/Management Committees an idea of whether it is worth trying to organise events and maintain public assets. If you are a parishioner and have **not** completed the survey yet – please try and find time to do so. The information you give is totally anonymous, but will be invaluable for future planning and budgeting for both the Parish Council and other groups and organisations in the parish. The easiest way to complete it is online via our website, but hard copies are available at The New Inn, The Countryman and the Church. **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION is 31**st **JAN 2018. Thank you.**

<u>SEAMOOR LOTTO</u> 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

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday Feb 5th.

Notes from SCPC meeting in December.

3585/18/FUL – Oxenpark Barn – Mr R Weeks - Conversion of an agricultural building to residential dwelling to include change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and erection of timber framed car port.

SUPPORTED

- The Chairman praised this planning application for its clarity and detail and said it could be used as an exemplar for future planning applications.
- The Applicant explained that the dwelling is planned as a retirement dwelling for him and his wife & that they hoped to incorporate as much modern technology as possible to make the dwelling sustainable and "off grid".
- Cllr. Friend commented on the County Archaeologist's comments and map which shows the extent of the Prayer Book Rebellion Battle Field area and his recommended conditions.

'No development shall take place until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (WSI) which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out at all times in accordance with the approved scheme, or such other details as may be subsequently agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority.

These conditions may affect any future development within the parish.

- Local Resilience Plan update Snow Wardens & Snow Plan the weather has so far been kind to us but if you would like to be a Snow Warden please contact the Clerk. Plus, if Snow Wardens could check the salt supplies to see if they need replenishing. Salt is available from SCPC to help clear key locations on Public roads throughout the Parish (not for Private paths or drives. Sorry!)
- Highways SCARF Report from Darryl Jagger although the Clerk had received an email from Darryl Jagger of DCC Highways reporting that at the recent SCARF meeting it was decided that "none of the data is showing that speed is a leading contributor" to the accidents occurring on the road from Belstone Corner towards Okehampton. However, it was agreed that the Traffic Team will carry out a signing and lining review to see if further visual warnings can be provided to reduce the likelihood of drivers losing control of their vehicles. Since this email there have been two more accidents on this piece of road. DCC will only log accidents that involve injuries so the public is asked to please contact the Clerk if you witness any accident within the parish so that an accurate log of ALL accidents can be maintained.

Accident Log - Please report any accidents that take place in the parish to the Clerk

Full Minutes of SCPC meetings can be viewed on our Website.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at <u>SCPCClerk@aol.com</u> or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings Feb 5th and Mar 5th.

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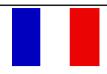
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Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

The latest meeting of the WI was held in the village hall on January 3rd. The president welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung. Because of the illness of the advertised speaker, Rhiannon Bragg stepped at the last minute. She had brought many examples of items that she had made with paper and card.

Members then had a workshop making greeings cards and some very fine examples were produced. Rhiannon was thanked by Pam Pemberton.

After tea the business was dealt with, members first having to vote on the Resolutions to go forward to the Annual Conference in Bournemouth in June.

Margaret Cleveland is to attend. The eighty fifth anniversary of Exbourne WI was discussed and a 1930's era tea was suggested with members dressing 1930's style. The Spring Council Meeting on April 27th is at the Riviera Centre, Torquay. It was decided to enter a team for the County Quiz on February 16th, the team to be picked at the next meeting.

Arrangements for the Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh on March 12th were made.

Bonnie Stenning reported on her visit to Waitrose, for a tea party for everyone who had benefitted from their green token scheme. Everyone had received a lovely welcome.

Winner of FOM was Doris Piper and the winner of the competition for a basket was Margaret Cleveland The next meeting is in the village hall on Thursday February 7th, when the speaker will be from Dartmoor Rescue.

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News from Sampford Courtenay

Christmas seems a long time ago now and the snowdrops are beginning to flower, so spring must be on the way!

A skittles match between Sampford Courtenay and (officially) Bondleigh was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December. The 'Bondleigh' team, backed up by the best of Exbourne, won by 457 points to 421. Top Sampford Courtenay lady was Veronica with 24 and top man was Ray with 25. Top Bondleigh lady was Caroline with 25 and joint top men were Paul and Tom S. with 23. The next match will be on Saturday 23rd February at 7.30 – cost £1 and bring a plate of food.

Members of the Okehampton Show held their annual dinner at The Countryman on 29th November and the WI held a celebratory lunch at the same venue the following day.

There was a record attendance at the Christmas Bazaar, on 1st December, and many thanks to those who supported the event, either by their presence or by donating or making goods for sale. It was much appreciated.

A colourful Christingle service was held in St. Andrew's on Sunday 2nd December, in aid of the Children's Society, when 40 plus Christingles were distributed among the congregation, and the WI held its Christmas party on Thursday 6th December.

The Okehampton Tractor Club held a tractor run round the local parishes on Sunday, 9th December, culminating with lunch at The Countryman.

The Flower Club held a most enjoyable, imposed pot swop in the village hall on 10th December, making a seasonal display with mystery flowers and foliage for a mystery club members.

The appeal for a Christmas tree for St Andrew's was generously answered by Phil Collins from Barometer World, Merton, who also winched it from the ground, saving much time and effort. It was a lovely tree and many were on hand to transport, erect and decorate it in time for the festivities. Thank you to all concerned.

Carols in the Inn was a fund raising event for Children's Hospice South West, held in the New Inn on Tuesday 11th December. Thanks to Karen and Malcolm for their generous spirit in hosting this live music event again.

Carol singing round the village on Monday 17th December was also in aid of the Children's Hospice, but many villagers were either not at home to hear us or had been fore-warned that we were coming! Many thanks for the nibbles round the route and to Chris and Julie Carpenter at Langdale who fed us mulled wine, mince pies and all manner of other goodies.

The candlelit Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's was amazing and the church was packed, necessitating extra chairs and extra mince pies for afters.

There were big congregations, too, at Midnight Communion and Christmas morning. 2018 came to an end in The Square on New Year's Eve, packed with locals and visitors, as always, huddled round the brazier listening to the muffled bells ring the old year out and welcoming in 2019 with Auld Lang Syne.

There's so much going on in this village so a Happy New Year to you all.

Nicky Craig

The Snowdrops are here!

The snowdrops at Higher Cherubeer, open for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme (NGS), get the year's garden visiting off to a great start.

Devon galanthophile, Jo Hynes, has over 300 types of snowdrop in her one acre garden at Higher Cherubeer, 2 miles east of Dolton, Devon, EX19 8PP which is open on Friday 8th February, Friday 15th February, Saturday 23rd February from 2 to 5pm, for the NGS. The woodland paths are lined with snowdrops, hellebores and winter flowering shrubs. As well as many other spring flowering flowers Jo has a National Collection of Hardy cyclamen. There will be refreshments and plants on sale including snowdrops. Admission is £4 and children are free.

At NGS open gardens the money taken at the gate goes to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Hospices UK, Carers Trust and other nursing and caring charities which are supported by the NGS. The money taken for the teas and plants also goes to the charities unless stated otherwise. For more information and see all the gardens opening in 2019 please visit www.ngs.org.uk





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I would like to give grateful thanks to all those who have helped and supported me at this difficult time and for all the numerous sympathy cards. I would particularly like to thank Celia Cooper, Theresa Ratcliffe and Gill Hollis for all their help support and assistance as well as all those who helped afterwards at the Bowling Club and also Rose Dadds for organising the funeral service.

Margaret Paddon

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Local runner, Ian Webber, is training for his eighteenth consecutive London Marathon, which will be taking place on Sunday 28th April. This year, Ian will be raising money for Hospice UK.

- Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice care. They support the work of our local Children's Hospice South West, Hospiscare (in Exeter), North Devon Hospice, Rowcroft (The Torbay & South Devon Hospice) and St Luke's Hospice (Plymouth) as well as many other hospices across the UK.
- Hospice care changes lives. Hospices care for people with a wide range of conditions including cancer, motor neurone disease, cardio-vascular diseases, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. Hospices are also increasingly supporting people with multiple life-limiting conditions including dementia. Hospice care is provided in a range of settings such as hospice inpatient units, as well in people's own homes.
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Lorna

Dates for 2019:

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6th June: Quiz Night
7th September: Coffee Morning
10th October: Quiz Night
14th December: Turkey and Tinsel

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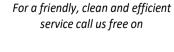
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