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From The Rectory

Giant-killing

"North Taunton?! Where's that?" came the comment from an opposing team member on the other side of the clubhouse. "No, North Tawton!" someone replied. "Well, whatever it's called I've never heard of them anyway." Forty minutes later North Tawton Under 10's football team had beaten them 5-0 to reach the Cup Final. YES! I wasn't even there to witness the glorious occasion, as I had a church meeting that evening. However, when I received a text reporting the victory, of which my son was a key part, let's just say... the meeting went well.

Everyone loves an underdog, and there is nothing like sport to produce one. Some of the recent examples I can remember are Japan humbling the mighty Springboks in the 2015 Rugby World Cup; Leicester City winning the Premier League in 2016; Greece winning Euro 2004; but the history of sport is littered with many a giant-killing. Let's hope the mighty North Tawton Under 10's are victorious again on 5th May in the final. And maybe more sporting history will be written this Spring. By the time this is published, perhaps someone will have been plucked from obscurity to win the Masters golf at Augusta. Maybe Mr. Blobby or someone in a dinosaur costume will have won the London Marathon. Perhaps not.

I happen to be writing this article between two extraordinary sporting dramas of a different kind. The favourite has just won the Grand National. It's the only horse race I tend to watch, but even I know the favourite rarely wins, and what's more Tiger Roll is the first back-to-back winner since Red Rum in 1974. And in a few hours time, a man even older than me will compete in the Boat Race – James Cracknell. As an ex-rower myself, perhaps there is hope for me yet. I seriously doubt it. Not fit enough and certainly not brainy enough to go to Cambridge.

Spring tends to bring with it a succession of sporting dramas. As we near the end of the football and rugby seasons many eyes will look to Cup Finals, play-offs and relegations battles. Personally, I am delighted that Exeter Chiefs are (again) riding high at the top of the Premiership with a play-off final at Twickenham looking likely. But even if you are not interested in that kind of thing, I hope you are delighted to hear about our Under 10's footballers (did I mention them?...and my son being one of them?... oh yes I did... sorry... one very proud Dad here!). But they are not the only local team doing very well in 2019. The 1st XV at North Tawton Rugby Club is on the verge of promotion. Congratulations to them. And I think in many other walks of life, for a little place like us, we do very well. Between the four communities of Honeychurch, Sampford Courtenay,

Bondleigh and North Tawton we have three big companies which have a country-wide reach, one of whom (Gregory Distribution) is celebrating its centenary this year. We have numerous successful small businesses too, tucked away on farms and in back rooms. We have a wonderful variety of clubs and societies, quizzes and coffee mornings also. Indeed, within a hundred metres of my house I could play bowls, appear on stage with ANTS, or strut my stuff at zumba, pilates, ballet, or badminton. I'm not sure what some of those things are (!) but I know lots of you enjoy them, because I see you walking along the road to the Town Hall everyday. The fact of the matter is, there is loads to do here, and that is great. Most of my wider family live in far bigger places than this, but they often comment about how much there is to do in this community. We punch above our weight. We're good at giant-killing here.

That phrase, of course, comes from the Biblical story of David slaying Goliath. It's a Sunday school and school assembly favourite. However, the Bible is littered with many unlikely victories and victors. Usually it is the Israelites who turn out winners, be that against the Egyptians at the Exodus, or against the various big and scary tribes who occupied their land. But there were also many times when God's people were on the losing side too. Indeed, the Israel which Jesus was born into in the first century was a "bottom of the league" occupied territory. The Romans were the league leaders at the time.

For the most part, victory for God's people tended to be a function of their faithfulness to him and to each other. It wasn't automatic, but usually when the people cared about their God and cared about each other, they tended to be victorious in life, or at least do better than expected. I think there is a lesson for us all there, especially if we are involved in some club or society. If we are just in it for ourselves, then failure is likely. At this time of Easter, we commemorate the greatest giant-killing in history. A lone competitor is nailed to a cross, and He dies. Game over, with no extra-time. Sin and death have won. But then in the greatest come back since Lazarus, he rises victoriously three days later. Whatever happens to the Under 10's on 5th May, it's only that giant-killing that really matters, because it is a victory he won for us all. But nevertheless, come on boys! You can do it!

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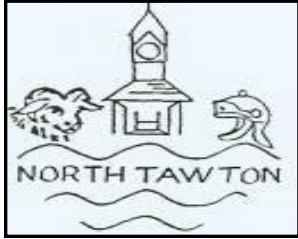
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Borough, Parish & Town Council Elections 2019

These elections take place on Thursday 2nd May. Our local Polling Station is the Town Hall, as usual. There are 4 candidates for 2 places on West Devon Borough Council. Our Ward is Exbourne Ward (which comprises of several adjoining parishes). With reference to the Town Council, there are 12 vacancies; however we only had 10 candidates standing for these. This means the 10 are automatically elected, and soon after 2nd May the Council is likely to commence the procedure to co-opt a further 2 councillors. Please see the Town Council noticeboard or our website, norhtawton.towncouncil@yahoo.co.uk for details of councillors automatically elected.

Assistant Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

The Council decided to continue with 2 Town Clerk posts; Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, and Assistant Town Clerk. Sarah Say took up the post of Town Clerk on a permanent basis in January, and Stephen Webb has now been appointed Assistant Town Clerk, following a formal interview. Four candidates were interviewed and there was a rigorous scoring process to identify the most suitable person for the post. The Council are very happy to welcome Stephen to his new role, and we are confident he will be a great asset to the Council.

Criminal Damage, Vandalism and Intimidation

Most of you will be aware of various issues occurring in the Town over the past two to three years, but you may not be aware of the scale and detail of the problem, the financial cost, and the impact on the quality of life of our residents. These are some of the events of which the Council is aware:

- Intimidation and harassment of one of the Council's contractors.
- Repeated deliberate defacement in the public toilets, including excrement being smeared on the walls and on the baby change unit – this resulted in the toilets having to be closed for a period of time.
- Damage caused at North Tawton Primary School.
- Repeated vandalism of a light in the public car park, causing potential danger to elderly residents, as well as the cost of repair and replacement with a new light.
- Deliberate destruction of daffodils in the churchyard.
- Eggs being thrown at someone's house.
- £450 pounds worth of damage to contractors' fencing in the memorial park.
- Obscene and disturbing graffiti on the arches under Taw Bridge.
- Repeated and constant intimidation of groups meeting in the Town Hall, such that the external doors now have to be locked to prevent unauthorised entry. Constant banging on the doors of the hall causing disturbance and distress to users. Please be aware this includes little 5 and 6 year olds attending dance classes.

The police are aware of these issues and I assure residents that action is being taken. However, on reporting the latest incident, the graffiti at Taw Bridge, I have been requested to ask residents to report to the police any incident of harassment or damage. They are most adamant that they need all the evidence they can get. Just ring 101 and report the details – even if the police cannot investigate each incident, they need to have a clear record. They also need people who have witnessed incidents to report and to be willing to produce a witness statement if necessary. With reference to incidents at the Town Hall, the police officer I spoke to termed it to be **completely unacceptable** that occupiers have to lock themselves into the building. They regard this very seriously, and we should do the same. The residents and children of our town have the right to feel safe and happy going about their day to day life. The financial costs of damage are being paid for directly from the precept, which comes from your Council Tax, using up funding which could be used for the benefit of residents. The human cost is far more concerning, and I would encourage everyone affected to ensure they take action by reporting all incidents to the police. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sarah Say,
Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

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Do I need to make a fascinator in order to bewitch or cast a spell on husband? Obviously, the answer to that is yes. Husband insisted I wear it whilst making the tea. He then proceeded to giggle incessantly. Not the effect I had anticipated. It is now in the spare bedroom – in a bag. However, it was a brilliant workshop, attended by ten of our ladies, with accomplished milliner Teresa Kendall guiding us gently through the steps of 'How to make a Fascinator'. Hilary's dining room table was awash with netting, feathers, beads and flowers – oh and UHU glue. Thank goodness for UHU. It means you don't have to do the sewing thingy.

Back to our April meeting and a talk from Carmen Luscombe about Associated Country Women of the World. A.C.W.W. was formed in 1929 by Madge Watts, the lady who introduced the W.I. to Wales back in 1915. It is an international charity with the aim of connecting and supporting rural women worldwide. It has nine million members across 84 countries with 470 member societies including the National Federation of W.I.'s. It believes in creating opportunities for women to exercise more power through being better informed, being part of an enabling environment and having the necessary tools to carry out the changes they want. A.C.W.W. offers active support for a wide range of crucial development programmes in rural communities including leadership and skills training, nutrition and education, literacy, HIV/Aids awareness, small business initiatives and small-scale agricultural income-generating initiatives.

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Oh we were very busy in our tea break. "Busy doing what?" you may well ask. And I would reply – busy eating cake of course. Cake is a very serious business and I like to give it my absolute, undivided attention. I could dedicate this whole article to cake but that sensible voice at the very back of my brain is saying "No – tell them about the John Lewis Lock In". Oh – you mean the evening at John Lewis when hundreds of W.I. ladies from all over Devon enjoyed gin, martini and prosecco tastings? I think there were other things happening but I'm not sure if anyone noticed. The evening was very much enjoyed. (You don't say) They may repeat it later this year. I sense our membership numbers rocketing.

Moving on – results of the County Quiz: - 1st – (this is awful but I can't remember) (*Kingsbridge – editor*)
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Sue Knott

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With my 80th Birthday approaching in September 2019 - despite the fact that I still only feel 37 (ha ha !!) - I decided that I would like to do a Challenge and thought that a Swimathon in aid of Devon Air Ambulance would be just the thing I could do at my ripe old age !

Although I go swimming twice a week at Simmons Park in Okehampton to keep fit, I needed to put in extra training to swim the 64 lengths (1 mile) without stopping - and all the staff at Simmons Park have been so encouraging to me.

During the last few months I have asked all friends, family and anyone else to sponsor me and I can now report that I DID the Swim on Tuesday 19th March 2019 in the time of 1 hour 27 minutes and have raised £1,069.20 for Devon Air Ambulance.

My lovely husband, Alan, was saved by Devon Air Ambulance in 2004 when he had a flying accident and without them he would not be alive, so for us we are totally indebted to them - and who knows, anyone reading this might well need their help in the future.

I would like to say a huge, massive THANK YOU to everyone in North Tawton, Bondleigh, Winkleigh, Wembworthy, Monkokehampton, Hatherleigh and surrounding areas who supported and encouraged me along the way. I am really SO appreciative of their generosity.

Jennifer GILL from Monkokehampton/Winkleigh



News from the Castle

Hi everyone

It definitely feels like Spring is here with lots of wonderful sunshine bringing out the spring flowers in the garden. The Easter holidays have been going really well so far with lots of happy families wandering around taking in the beauty of Dartmoor.

The highlight for me has to have been the locals open day which took place last week. We welcomed roughly 150 additional people that day and it was so lovely to meet so many of you face to face. It was very important for us to say thank you for all the help and support we have received from our local community whilst this major building project has been under way. Thank you all again.

Speaking of the project, we are still moving forward, although we have taken a few steps backward along the way. It looks like we are still a few months away from the main scaffolding coming down but we are really getting there. After such a long time, it is difficult to remember to look at how far we have come but we are close to the end. We just need to keep on going!

Best wishes,

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk



Comic Relief 2019

Red Nose day was great fun! The pupils managed to stay mostly in school uniform, with a little red splashes, to raise a total of £139.15 for this worthy cause.



Avid April Readers

This month we are continuing to challenge our pupils to read more in school and especially at home. Last month's winners, Willow Class, had a special treat riding their bikes and scooters around the school grounds. This month the pupils are reading a variety of genres, and we have turned the challenge into a giant game of bingo! Pupils earn points for reading a variety of books, and extra points for visiting the library. Last month, to the delight of librarians in Okehampton, many of our pupils and their families joined the library for the first time. The Avid April Reading challenge is well under way, so the librarians are hoping for another spike in membership. Watch this space for the winning class!



Environmental Area

You may remember reading about our plans to develop an outdoor learning space in a previously neglected area in our school grounds. A few dedicated parents and children have been helping us to clear the space. It is now much easier for us to see the extent of the land and the potential it can offer. We now need to plan the area to include all the things the children have asked for and to plant the young saplings kindly donated by the Woodland Trust. We are also very grateful to those of you who have donated unwanted garden tools. The outdoor learning space is an exciting new venture and we are keen to have it in place before the end of this term. We are still looking for volunteers if you are interested!



Music Concert

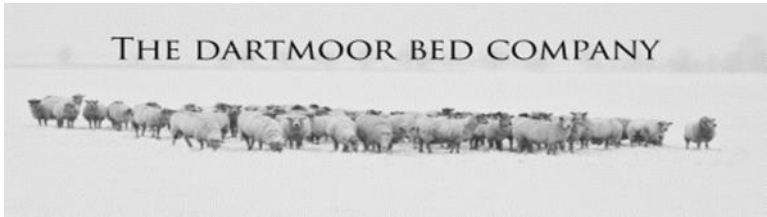
Our annual music concert in April was another huge success, with a stunning collection of performances. This event is always eagerly awaited. The children rehearse and prepare in their music lessons, and there is always an exciting buzz around the school as we lead up to the event. The eclectic range of performances showcased our school's much celebrated musical talent, including many of our pupils who have additional music lessons in and out of school. Our hard working staff proudly supported the children to perform at a high standard and once again managed to move the audience through a range of emotions, from the toe-tapping beats of the Samba Drums, to a spine tingling piece from "Les Miserables" sung by the boys in Years 5 and 6. Our children are growing in confidence daily, and are beginning to recognise the importance of embracing the arts to seek out new opportunities and to discover hidden talents.



With very warm wishes,

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and will include the following events during the week

Pool Tournament	Bowls Open Evening
Snail Race	Fizz Pop Science Session
Open Gardens	Afternoon Tea
Brewery Tour	Folk Session
Art Show	Senior Tea Party

See next month's "Roundabout" for the Show schedule

Keen Gardeners?

We are looking for people to take part in an open gardens event on Friday, 16th August, as part of the Nanny Knight Revels which will be taking place in the town for the whole week 11th to 17th August. If you would be happy to invite people to look around your patch, however big or small please contact us

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Nanny Knight's Nasturtiums

Collect your Nanny Knight Nasturtium seeds and plant pot from the Post Office from Saturday April 6th. Grow your seeds in the pot and bring it along to the marquee on August 17th. The most beautiful nasturtium, in the opinion of the judge, will be the winner of this special class. Any age can enter - and any secret growing potion can be used! Only 30 Nanny Knight's nasturtium pots will be given away, so hurry to the Post Office during the week beginning April 6th, and get growing.

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Local quality arts and crafts, from local makers. Please come and support us, and enjoy a lovely day out. There will be local Devon Cider, plants, art, textile crafts, jewellery, painted pottery, beautiful wooden boxes, clingfilm made from beeswax and other sustainable items, clocks, Usbourne arts and craft books, to name just a few items that will be on sale at this wonderful event.

If you are interested in taking a stall at this Great Fair, there are just a few left, so please get in touch with Jilly Chandler on 01837 851741, or email jilly@pottyforpainting.co.uk.

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Open Day was Sat 20th April @ 2.30 and if you missed that, Club nights are every Monday from 5.30 onwards.
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Bowling Club May Fixtures:

01-May	Wed 2.30	A v Tiverton W/E	AWAY 2 x 3	17-May	Fri 9.30	County Triples (L)	challengers
	2.30	B v Uffculme C	HOME 2 x 3		6.30	A v Rock Park C	HOME 3 x 3
	2.30	C v Morchard Bishop A	AWAY 2 x 3		6.30	B v Victoria Park C	AWAY 3 x 3
02-May	Thu 2.30	Okehampton (L)	AWAY 2 x 3	18-May	Sat 2.30	Tiverton West End	AWAY 6 x 3 mx
04-May	Sat 2.30	Exonia	AWAY 6 x 3 mx	20-May	Mon 9.30	County Triples (L)	challengers
07-May	Tue 2.00	Starcross	AWAY 5 x 3 mx	21-May	Tue 2.30	Phear Park	AWAY 4 x 3
08-May	Wed 2.30	A v Topsham Whites	HOME 2 x 3	22-May	Wed 2.30	A v Cullompton	HOME 2 x 3
	2.30	B v Feniton Falcons	AWAY 2 x 3		2.30	B v Marina C	AWAY 2 x 3
	2.30	C v Belmont A	HOME 2 x 3		2.30	C v Maderia B	AWAY 2 x 3
09-May	Thu 2.30	Morchard Bishop (L)	HOME 2 x 3	23-May	Thu 9.30	County Triples (L)	challengers
10-May	Fri 6.30	A v Morchard Bishop	AWAY 3 x 3	24-May	Fri 2.30	NDTL V Bideford B(L)	HOME 2 x 3
	6.30	B v Barnstaple B	HOME 3 x 3		6.30	A v Byeways B	AWAY 3 x 3
11-May	Sat 2.30	Morchard Bishop	AWAY 4 x 3 mx	26-May	Sun 2.00	Barnstaple Ashley Road	AWAY 6 x 3 mx
13-May	Mon 2.00	Madeira	HOME 6 x 3 mx	28-May	Tue 2.30	Bradworthy (L)	AWAY 2 x 3
14-May	Tue 9.30	County Triples (L)	challengers	29-May	Wed 2.30	A v Bradnich	AWAY 2 x 3
15-May	Wed 2.30	A v St Thomas C	AWAY 2 x 3		2.30	B v Broadclyst	AWAY 2 x 3
	2.30	B v Hemyock B	HOME 2 x 3		2.30	C v St Thomas A	HOME 2 x 3
	2.30	C v Honiton B	AWAY 2 x 3	31-May	Fri 2.30	NDTL v S. Molton 'B' (L)	HOME 2 x 3
16-May	Thu 6.30	Hatherleigh	HOME 4 x 3		6.30	A v Hatherleigh A	HOME 3 x 3
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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council



Full minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live. Plus check out our new **FACEBOOK** Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

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JUST GIVING – S.C.P.C. have also set up a Just Giving page where you can make donations to the Parish projects identified in the recent survey <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sampfordcourtenayparishcouncil-scpc>

Notes from S.C.P.C. April 19th

AGM – Tuesday 7th May – A chance to come and meet your new councillors. Six parishioners have put themselves forward for an uncontested election for SCPC. This means there are still two vacancies to fill if anyone wishes to put themselves forward.

OPEN MEETING – Tuesday 14th May – A chance to come along and hear the results of the recent Parish Survey and share your ideas on future priorities for the parish.

WIND TURBINE ANNUAL GRANT – the annual payment of £1,250 as S.C.P.C. share from the Bondleigh Wind Turbines has been received. S.C.P.C. have decided to share it this year between Training, Parish Sustainability & Recycling, & Defibrillator Ear Marked Reserves.

FOOTPATHS – further maintenance has been completed on the popular lane from Bulland Cross to Peacegate Cross making it dry and accessible for most of the year now.

OKERAIL – government representative at recent local meeting confirmed that the opening of the route to Okehampton is still a priority, along with resilience of the Dawlish Line. The Summer Sunday Train Service timetable should soon be published and hopefully this will be replaced with a full timetable next year.

Full Minutes of S.C.P.C. meetings can be viewed on our Website.

Please contact S.C.P.C. Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meeting and May 7th.

Marion Pratt

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Ascension Day
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SUNFLOWERS- Now is the time to get your sunflowers planted so that you can enter the

Tallest Sunflower Class. If you can plant them in a garden visible from the road – all the better.

Scarecrow – The Scarecrow class proved very popular last year and so we would like you all to start planning a creation for this year. They will need to be out on display by 1st Aug. so that we can include them in a “Scarecrow Trail” for parishioners and visitors to find.

Childrens' Classes - will all be “Open” classes again this year – so if you have grandchildren or if your child is involved in the village in any way, they are welcome to put in their entries.

Check out other classes you may wish to start preparing for on [Sampford Courtenay Website](#). Or [Facebook page](#). This year's schedule will be posted soon – but most classes will remain the same.

Handel (and others!) at St. Andrew's

A Concert in aid of Devon Air Ambulance
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by the augmented Choir of St. Andrew's Church
(Director—Roger Cleverdon)
and the Two Rivers Orchestra
(Conductor—Richard Edwards)

The programme will include
Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No. 4
(Organ solo—Roger Cleverdon)
Symphony No. 4 by William Boyce (1710—1779)
Minuet from String Quintet in E by Luigi Boccherini (1743—1805)
Trumpet Tune by Maurice Greene (1695—1755)
(Trumpet solo—John Courtie)
and anthems by Byrd, Purcell, Handel, Mozart, Charles Wood, Elgar,
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Danny Semorad

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Nicky Craig

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

The latest meeting was on Thursday April 4th in Sampford Courtenay village hall. The president welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was Dr. Janet Few, an historian. She gave a very interesting and sometimes very humorous presentation on life, especially for women between 1946 and 1969. She had contacted several women and they had told her about their experiences during this period. It covered the role of women in the home, education, food, clothes, etc.. It brought back a lot of memories to members. She has written a book on the subject. She was thanked by Nicky Craig. After refreshments, the business was dealt with. The annual outing is to the South Devon Railway on July 23. The theme for the Okehampton Show is 'A Song' so members were asked for ideas. There is to be a Soup and Puds lunch on October 19th. The next walk for the Walking Group is from "Ashford", Jacobstowe on Friday April 26th, hopefully seeing the bluebells at Woodhall. The winner of the flower of the month was Doris Piper and the winner of the competition for a photo from the 50's or the 60's was won by Margaret Cleveland.

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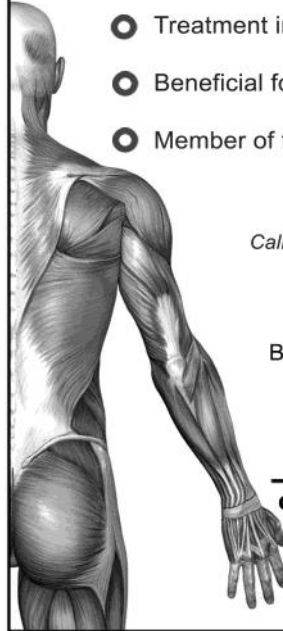
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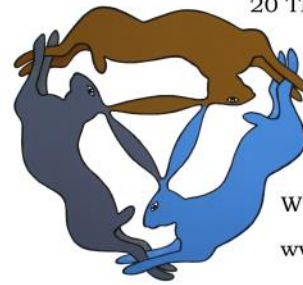
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