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From The Rectory

Is revival coming?

In North Tawton it has been pleasing to see a couple of shops recently opening up again in the Square with new businesses going in, and there is at least one more coming later this summer too. Sadly, like most rural communities, we have got used to seeing shops close in recent years. I am no retail expert, but perhaps now that the boom in online grocery shopping has settled down a bit, people are looking again to local shops for particular products and services that the internet does not provide as effectively. It's probably too early to say, but maybe the Square is beginning a bit of a revival. I hope so, because nobody likes to see empty shop fronts. It feels like the soul of a place has departed.

Of course, the rural economy is far bigger and more complex than what can or cannot be seen on village high streets and in town squares. They are merely the most visible indicators of health in the rural economy and may not offer a true picture of the whole. But I'd hazard a guess that general levels of consumer confidence across West Devon increase a little each time another empty shop front is reoccupied. Surely it is in everyone's interests to have more reasons for people to get out of their cars and get off the broadband to spend their money locally. Maybe revival is coming?

I was reading recently about revival in Poland and Hungary; a revival of a slightly different kind admittedly. I think I now know a little bit about rural economics in Devon, but I've yet to get to grips with the spending habits of country folk in Central Europe! No – the revival described in those two countries was of a more political and spiritual nature. Nevertheless, it struck me that the growing conditions for the seeds of revival there are not wholly dissimilar to here. Unlike us, neither country has held a referendum about their membership of the European Union yet. But I gather both Poland and Hungary do have softly Eurosceptic conservative governments at the moment, so it's not unthinkable that they will. Inevitably, therefore, each government does attract accusations for being too right-wing and nationalistic. On that basis, I don't think it would be wise for me to comment any further about either of them, because I'm not from there. Besides, I find the current political scene in this country infuriating and bewildering enough. I don't think I've got the patience or desire to start trying to understand the situation in Warsaw or Budapest as well, and the vast rural areas in-between. However, for one reason or another, chicken or egg, in Central Europe there seems to be a real national revival going on as people rediscover their historical and religious roots. For example, church attendance has been rising every year in both countries over the last

decade, as are numbers of baptisms, confirmations, first communions and marriages. Remarkably, marriage rates in Hungary have increased by 43% since 2010, and divorce rates have dropped by 22.5% over the same period. No matter where you stand religiously or politically, surely that has got to be good for every member of society.

The kind of revival Christians like me long for is for individuals to return to the Lord in deep faith and in great number. It is something I pray for regularly for two reasons: the glory of God and the good of mankind. I genuinely believe that as people rediscover faith in Christ then it is good for all, even those that don't believe or believe in a different god. Blessing is multiplied like loaves and fish. Whole areas, even whole countries can be transformed. It happened in Scotland and in the United States with the Great Awakening in the mid 1700's, and across Wales in 1904-05. Throughout the second half of the 18th century, thousands came to Christ across Devon and Cornwall largely under the ministry of Wesleyan preachers, despite opposition from the Established Church of which I am now a part. John Wesley himself made 31 visits to the West Country, and despite getting a rather frosty reception in North Tawton in 1765, by the 1851 census just under half the total population of both counties were members of Methodist chapels. Schools and hospitals were founded, prisons reformed, slavery abolished, and many of the laws we take for granted today were established across the UK during this time. It doesn't happen automatically, and too often Christians have used their influence inappropriately, but simply put, Christian revival is good for society.

Now, I'm not arguing that Britain should become more British, or England more English, or even Devon more Devonian. I'm not sure really what any of those things mean, if they are things at all. And I am certainly not arguing for a mono-chrome society where differences and distinctions are not genuinely welcomed and celebrated. But a reconnection with our God, our land, our history and our hopes would be better for all, I'm sure of it. It might even result in a fuller and friendlier high street also, as people spend their money and spend their time a little more knowingly and a little closer to the place they call home. Lord, bring revival!

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Proposal for creating a 'Man Shed' for North Tawton, using the Chapel of Rest in the Cemetery Grounds as a venue.

Are you interested in socialising, helping your community, sharing your skills, gaining a real sense of achievement, and being part of a new initiative in North Tawton? Find out about the Man Shed movement and get in touch with the Town Council if you want to be part of this project.

What is a Men's Shed?

The 'Man Shed' concept originally started in Australia as a way of combatting social isolation amongst men. It's now spread worldwide - in the UK there are over 400 'Sheds', with a growth of almost 10 per month. Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds, the difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about:

- social connections and friendship building
- sharing skills and knowledge
- individual pursuits and community projects
- achievement and social interaction
- a place of leisure where men come together to work.

You can usually find woodworking, metalworking, repairing and restoring, electronics, model buildings or even car building in a typical Shed. Sheds typically attract older men, but many have younger members and women too. Whatever the activity, the essence of a Shed is not a building, but the connections and relationships between its members. Many Sheds get involved in community projects too – restoring village features, helping maintain parks and green spaces, and building things for schools, libraries and individuals in need.

Why are they needed?

Research has shown the negative impact of loneliness and isolation on health and wellbeing. Recent evidence shows that loneliness and isolation can be as hazardous to our health as obesity and excessive smoking. Men typically find it more difficult to build social connections than women. Unlike women of a similar age, less older men have networks of friends and rarely share personal concerns about health and personal worries. For some men, when retirement comes, it can feel as if personal identity and purpose is lost. Men's Sheds can change all of that.

Sheds are about meeting like-minded people and having someone to share your worries with. They are about having fun, sharing skills and knowledge with like-minded people and gaining a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. As a by-product of all of that they reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness, they allow men to deal with mental health challenges more easily and remain independent; they rebuild communities and, in many cases, they save men's lives.

If you are interested in progressing this project please contact the Town Clerk. The Council believe that this could be of huge benefit to our community, but it can only work if there are people who want to commit to it in partnership with the Town Council. If we get sufficient interest we'll set up an initial meeting to see if the project can be progressed. If this proves successful, the Council will consider improvements to the Chapel of Rest to provide a suitable venue for a North Tawton 'Man Shed'.

Complaints about dog fouling

Over the past few weeks we have received many complaints about dog fouling. We are very grateful to responsible dog owners who pick up after their dogs, and use the dog bins which are provided by the Town Council and which we also pay to have emptied. Anecdotal evidence indicates it's only a small minority who are leaving dog fouling on pavements, where all too often children tread in it – we all know this is a potentially serious health hazard. I would like to issue a heartfelt plea – please, carry a bag with you and pick up after your dog – the bag can be put into any litter bin, not just the dedicated dog bins. Thank you for your cooperation.

Council Elections May 2019

Ian MacLeod, Ray Aplin and Berenice Rice did not stand again for election to the Town Council. We would like to thank them for everything they have done to contribute to the work of the Council. We welcome a new member, Cllr. Ms. Ruth Testa. There are still 2 vacancies to be filled, information about this will be posted in due course. For the West Devon Borough Council, Lois Samuel and Barry Ratcliffe have been elected as members for our ward, Exbourne Ward.

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Hands up who wants to hear the intimate detail of our recent A.G.M.? Really? At least two of you? Is that snoring I can hear? Hmm – how rude. I suppose, by way of tradition, that an A.G.M. of any club, group or society tends to be composed of a lot of reports from various Committee members carefully blended with a sprinkling of figures showing income and expenditure (with a generous dollop of finger crossing that income triumphs over expenditure because we much prefer the colour black – it’s more flattering than red).

But just how many A.G.M.s out there have a Devon cream tea on their agenda? Well this A.G.M. did. Was it a cunning ploy to get more gluteal muscles on chairs? Who cares – it worked. And before you think you’d got away with no details from our meeting, think again. Just wanted to let you know that our Committee is no longer eight, not even nine, but 10 ladies strong – WOW. And – our W.I. is - - - - - 61 members strong! (we must be doing something right). That sentence was genuinely worthy of a drum roll and an exclamation mark too.

We started with the business bit, moved seamlessly into ‘is it jam or cream on first?’ and the AGM brought up the rear – you may have noticed that we were ‘speakerless’ which prompts me to ask ‘so what shall I ramble on about for the next few paragraphs?’

I’ll tell you about our recent Flag Making Workshop. Our W.I. was asked if they could make a dozen or so flags to put around the town during the Nanny Knight Revel festival and of course we said yes. So there we were – the Rugby club awash with sewing machines, material and cake. And then we thought – why not theme the flags? Let’s applique (you didn’t think I knew what that meant did you) the flags with things associated with North Tawton. Ideas came pouring forth – the clock tower, a Roman centurion helmet, sheep, rivers, bridges and fish. And potatoes. Husband says we should have a flag depicting the things that are the very stuff of life – to him. When the flags go up, there he’ll be – wandering around the town looking for the spud flag.

Talking of themes – the Okehampton Show W.I. entry theme this year is ‘A Song’ to be depicted through craft, baking, preserving and floral items. Husband has a suggestion. ‘I am a Cider Drinker’ (the Worzels) – I’m not going to tell him but that’s not as daft as it sounds. Apple cake, cider apple jam, a traditional cider tasting jug (surely one of our members has a potter’s wheel tucked away in the darkest recesses of a shed – I’ve always wanted to be let loose on one). Husband may well have come up with the winning entry – and if so would we ever hear the last of it?

A bit more ramble room left yet – did you know that the National Federation of W.I.’s once commissioned a pop song? And the chorus went (apparently): -

At the W.I. there’s a guaranteed greeting
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Sue Knott

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Wednesday 5 June 9:30 - 10:15 – Duplo Storytime

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All is going well at Castle Drogo with the weather making it possible for the builders to catch up on some of the time they lost during the cold snap. It has been wonderful to welcome visitors back to see the Drawing and Dining room in full glory and the gardens have been full of colour.

This year presents some exciting opportunities in research as we are looking to start an oral history project. We'll be recording the memories of those associated with, or with memories of, Castle Drogo in the past, from the early days or in more recent years. If you have any memories, or know someone who might have, and is willing to talk to one of our trained interviewers, then please get in touch. You can find out more about the project in the Rayners' Room in the castle where there is a place for people to record their contact details, or please email: oralhistorycastledrogo@nationaltrust.org.uk. We are really looking forward to hearing the memories from people.

I wanted to let you all know as soon as possible that we will be closing Foresters track for around one month in mid-June. Foresters Track is a permissive bridleway running on the South side of the river between Fingle Bridge and Whiddon Deer Park. There will be an alternative route for those wishing to do a circular/ longer walk, or for those cycling or on horseback. However, the public footpath on the north side of the bank (fishermans path) will remain open and provides the most direct route to avoid the closure, but only on foot.

The closure is to allow over 200 metres of major track repairs to take place to fix erosion caused by the river Teign. The resulting track surface should make the path more accessible for all users, and improve access for our own work operations, as well as reinforcing the river bank. The timing of the work is to take advantage of minimum water flow within the river and all works should be completed by the summer holidays. The track will be entirely shut at all times including weekends due to the risk of falling rocks and unstable surfaces.

Best wishes,

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo
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READING FOCUS

North Tawton Community Primary School has always encouraged our children to extend their learning beyond the requirements and expectations of the National Curriculum. Part of this approach to enhance learning is the encouragement of reading for pleasure.

The school is working hard to help our children to discover the joys of reading. We have launched a new regular competition for the children, which has already had some very positive results. In February we held a reading competition, Read in February. To the delight of the librarians, the competition led to a tremendous increase in registered users at Okehampton Library. In April we held another competition, Avid April Readers. We altered the rules slightly to encourage the children to read a wider range of genres. I am pleased to report that both of these initiatives were very well received by pupils and parents, who responded with great enthusiasm.

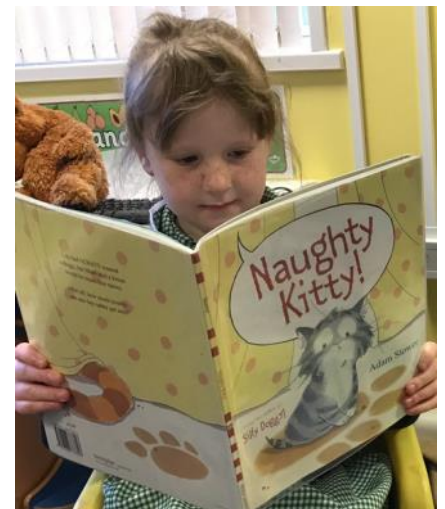
Last month I attended an OFSTED training session regarding their new inspection framework. Some important and alarming facts were highlighted. I was very concerned to learn about a landmark study conducted in the U.S.A. by Hart and Risley, which found stark differences in the learning and use of vocabulary across different social classes.

“Over four years, researchers recorded that an average child in a professional family accumulated experience of 45 million words; in a working-class family, 26 million words; and in a family receiving welfare, 13 million words.”
Hart and Risley, 1995.

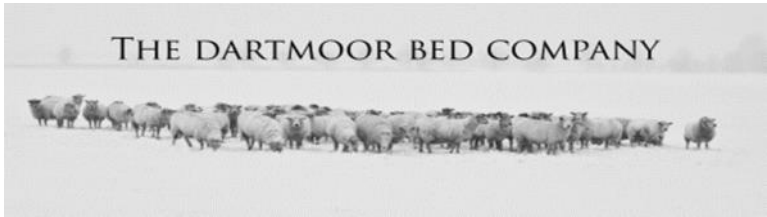
Our Literacy teaching has an important focus on the use of very high-quality texts. We ensure that our children learn a wide range of vocabulary, and reading is placed very high on the agenda. We share our own enthusiasm and love of reading with the children at every possible opportunity, and our literacy results are projected to improve this year.

We are currently planning June’s reading competition and are trying to think of a catchy name (any suggestions please do let me know!).

Happy reading!
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Head of School



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Marquee Show Class Schedule for 17th August

HOMEMADE PRODUCE

- 1) A Jar of Chutney
- 2) A Jar of Jam, any variety
- 3) A Jar of Raspberry Jam
- 4) A Jar of Kimchi
- 5) A Jar of Marmalade
- 6) A Jar of Fruit Curd
- 7) A Bottle of Homemade Wine
- 8) A Bottle of Homemade Cider
- 9) A Bottle of Homemade Beer
- 10) A Bottle of Homemade Gin
- 11) 4 Cheese Scones
- 12) A Lemon Drizzle Cake
- 13) A Round of Shortbread
- 14) 4 Chocolate Brownies
- 15) A Loaf of Bread, Handmade any flavour
- 16) Quiche 8 " any flavour
- 17) 4 Pieces of Flapjack

VEGETABLES

- 18) 3 Beetroot
- 19) 5 Runner Beans
- 20) 3 Misshapen Vegetables
- 21) 5 A day from your garden (Fruit and or veg)
- 22) 20 Soft Berries of any one kind.
- 23) 3 Courgettes

CRAFT CLASSES

- 24) A Knitted item for a Baby
- 25) A Fascinator, any medium
- 26) Homemade Greetings Card
- 27) Something new from something old
- 28) Original Landscape Painting, any medium
- 29) An Item of Origami

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASS

- 30) An amusing photo (with caption)
- 31) Wild Devon
- 32) Pollinators
- 33) Life in North Tawton

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

5's and Under

- 34) A Vegetable Monster
- 35) A homemade greetings card
- 36) 4 Rice Crispie Cakes
- 37) A Super Hero made from Re-cycled materials

6 – 10 years

- 38) A Vegetable Monster
- 39) A homemade greetings card
- 40) 4 Rice Crispie Cakes
- 41) A Super Hero made from Re-cycled materials

11 – 15 years

- 42) A Vegetable Monster
- 43) A H/M greeting card
- 44) 4 Rice Crispie Cakes
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NORTH TAWTON RESIDENT'S CLASS

- 46) A Collage to celebrate 100 Years of Gregory Distribution

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The grounds and surrounding flower beds looked as good as ever thanks to Chairman John Kinsey organising the members with their painting, washing, tidying and weeding over the last few months.
The President, Mike Thwaites, opened the season by bowling the first wood.
Finally, a great day ended with a few drinks in the clubhouse. There is a great atmosphere in the club at the moment and let us hope the results and the coming season reflect this

The season starts in earnest with league and friendlies starting up now. See Fixture List.

Club Night is on Mondays 5.30 to 6.00pm start.
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President Mike Thwaites bowling the first wood of the season

OKEHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERTS

Monday 24th June at 7:30 p.m.
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at Fairplace Church, Okehampton

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The Salar Gallery (20, Bridge St., Hatherleigh)
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Also available from choir members
or on the door.



Bowling Club June Fixtures:

01-Jun Sat	2.30	Tiverton Park	HOME	5 x 3 mx	14-Jun Fri	2.30	NDTL v Bideford 'B' (L)	AWAY	2 x 3
03-Jun Mon		County Pairs (L)		challengers		6.30	A v Morchard Bishop	HOME	3 x 3
04-Jun Tue	2.30	Holsworthy Top Club	HOME			6.30	B v Barnstaple B	AWAY	3 x 3
05-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Morchard Bishop B	HOME	2 x 3	15-Jun Sat	2.00	President's Day	HOME	
	2.30	B v Wellington C	HOME	2 x 3	17-Jun Mon		Ladies Unbadged		
	2.30	C v Exonia C	AWAY	2 x 3			Singles (L)	HOME	
06-Jun Thu	6.30	Torrington	AWAY	4 x 3 mx	18-Jun Tue	2.30	Chagford	AWAY	4 x 3 mx
		County Pairs (L)		challengers 2 x 3	19-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Tiverton Boro	HOME	2 x 3
07-Jun Fri	2.30	NDTL v Morchard				2.30	B v Seaton C	AWAY	2 x 3
		Bishop (L)	AWAY	2 x 3		2.30	C v Sidmouth B	HOME	2 x 3
	6.30	A v Bideford A	AWAY	3 x 3	20-Jun Thu	2.30	Holsworthy Top Club	AWAY	
	6.30	B v Rock Park B	AWAY	3 x 3	21-Jun Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Byeways (L)	AWAY	2 x 3
10-Jun Mon		County Pairs (L)		challengers		6.30	A v Rock Park C	AWAY	3 x 3
11-Jun Tue	6.30	Okehampton	HOME	4 x 3		6.30	B v Victoria Park C	HOME	3 x 3
12-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Tiverton BC A	AWAY	2 x 3	25-Jun Tue	2.30	Holsworthy (L)	AWAY	2 x 3
	2.30	B v Phear Park C	AWAY	2 x 3	26-Jun Wed	2.30	A v Wellington A	AWAY	2 x 3
	2.30	C v Exonia B	HOME	2 x 3		2.30	B v Sidmouth D	HOME	2 x 3
13-Jun Thu	2.30	Torrington (L)	HOME	2 x 3		2.30	C v Pines B	AWAY	2 x 3
13-Jun Thu	6.30	Torrington	HOME	3 x 3	27-Jun Thu	6.30	Holsworthy	AWAY	4 x 3
					28-Jun Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bradworthy (L)	AWAY	2 x 3
						6.30	A v Byeways B	HOME	3 x 3
						6.30	B v Torrington A	AWAY	3 x 3
					29-Jun Sat	2.30	Belmont	HOME	4 x 3 mx



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The programme will be repeated at the parish church in Hatherleigh on Saturday, 22nd June, at 7.30 p.m..

Roger Cleverdon

Richard Edwards

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If so, a date for your Diary:

On Sunday, 16th June, at 6.30 p.m., a full Choral Evensong will be sung by the Choir at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay and everyone will be most welcome to come along and attend the service.

Sampford Courtenay Flower Club



Friday June 7th

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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.

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

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 SCPC May 19th

AGM – Tues. 7th May – SCPC New council consists of Chair Cllr. Michele Wilson, and Cllrs. Colin Coleman, Mike Carpenter, Sue Svedang, Bob & Joy Tucker who were un-contestedly elected + Cllr John Friend who was co-opted at the A.G.M..

VACANCY – this still leaves a vacancy for one more Councillor. For more details please contact the Clerk. Thank you to the retiring councillors – John Palmer, Matthew McIlwraith, & Heather Smith. Your help and support for SCPC over your terms of office has been much appreciated.

SCPC would also like to express condolences to the family of Cllr. Jon Clatworthy Edwards.

OPEN MEETING – Tues 14th May – Cllr. Michele Wilson presented the findings from the recent Parish Survey.

Full details and feedback form can be found on the parish Website.

18th May – Annual Spring Clean – volunteers litter picked, tidied and cleaned signs around the parish, followed by a Cider and Pasty lunch at the Cider VAT. Many thanks to all those who came along to help keep our parish clean and tidy.

DIY SOS – Running Repairs are needed on some of the playground equipment. If you are willing to offer your time to help please get in touch.

Parishioners are reminded that all SCPC meetings are open to the public, and if you would like a specific item to be added to the Agenda, please let the Clerk know.

Please contact SCPC 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 meetings June 4th and July 2nd.



ACE Archaeology Club

We are now focusing on our Moistown excavation; advertising for diggers and other helpers at the dig; our Director is busy getting last year's Interim Report ready and that will be on the website as soon as it is finished.

Please check our website for all details of the dig dates and our other activities. You will also be able to have a look at a couple of our past Newsletters. <https://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com/>.

Between now and the dig we have a couple of archaeological themed walks on Dartmoor. If you can't manage any of those, do come to our Moistown Dig Open Day on the 10th August 2019 from 11.a.m. to 4.p.m., tea, coffee and cake available.

For more information please contact Erica on surica47@gmail.com

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Dates for your Diary

10th August	Barbecue and skittles
5th October	talk on Australia
12th October	Diving for Pearls

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Sunday 26th May
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Sampford Courtenay Flower and Veg Show



START PLANTING & PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR'S FLOWER & VEG SHOW!

LIMERICK – the theme for this year's show is "Cooking" – so tell us about your successes or failures in a Limerick style.

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.

Scare Crow – The Scare Crow 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.

Ashridge Court Farm Events

Bob Watson's Sheepdog Trial - Friday 28th June.
Ashridge Mini Wood Fair - Ashridge Court Farm -
Saturday 29th June.
Nose to Tail Dining Experience - Ashridge Great Barn-
Saturday 13th July.
Yoga Retreat - Ashridge Great Barn / Magic Circle -
Saturday 20th July.
Asado Pop-up Restaurant - Ashridge Great Barn -
Saturday 3rd August.
Captain Coconut and Facepainting - Ashridge Great Barn -
Tuesday 6th August.
(Tickets available £3.50 per child;
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Nanny Knight's Revel Shadow Puppet Workshop and
Storytelling.
Ashridge Great Barn - Tuesday 13th August
~ £3 per child entrance to cover costs of equipment.
Nanny Knight's Revel Open Gardens - Ashridge Great Barn
- Ashridge Court House Gardens
with Afternoon Tea -
Friday, 16th August.
Macmillan Coffee Morning - Ashridge Court House
Conservatory
Friday, 27th September.
Yoga Retreat - Ashridge Great Barn / Magic Circle
Saturday, 5th October.
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Saturday, 23rd November.

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I would like to thank all the stall holders (fourteen of us including me) who sold their wonderful work on Saturday 27th April at the Fair, and for all the folk who came and bought lots of lovely things, even though the weather was forecast as storms. All were wowed by the outside, and the beautiful inside of The Great Barn, and the quality of arts and crafts for sale, and it looked even more beautiful with the flowers, which were there for the Wedding Fair on the Sunday.

I would also like to thank our two volunteers from Devon Air Ambulance, Marilyn and Allan, who kept the traffic moving outside all day, and helped folk park their cars in the right places. We raised £209.74 for Devon Air Ambulance. I would also like to thank those who donated prizes for the raffle: there were wonderful things to win.

Cat, the Manager, and her parents, the owners of Ashridge Court Barn, were so very helpful, and made everyone feel welcomed and relaxed. They even made cakes and scones, and served tea and coffee all day. Thank you to them for all their help, and for letting us rent The Great Barn, for this our first ever Great Arts & Crafts Fair.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jackie Kenny, a talented artist, and flute player, for all her help and support in many ways to do with the Fair.

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Danny Semorad

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There will be a talk by

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Okehampton U3A welcomes new or prospective members, who will receive a warm welcome. The only requirement is that members are not in full time employment. More information can be found at www.u3asites.org.uk/okehampton . If you would rather turn up and introduce yourself that's fine too.

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There will be information about all sections and activities to take part in. If you have a daughter who is between the age of 5 & 13 bring them along to see what Guiding is about.

If you are slightly older than 14 then still come along and have a look or just have a cup of coffee. There will be a cake stall and draw, and tea & coffee available. Everyone welcome.

Jane Simons

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe W.I.

The latest meeting was held in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall on May 2. The president, Margaret Cleveland, welcomed everyone, including the W.I. Advisor, Sarah Shorthouse, and Jerusalem was sung. The Annual Meeting then took place, with the minutes of the 2018 meeting being read. The financial report was given by the treasurer and was adopted by the meeting on a proposal by Shirley Reddaway, seconded by Margaret Weeks.

The committee's annual report was proposed by Nicky Craig and seconded by Bonnie Steening and also adopted. The president gave her report and thanked those who did teas, flowers, the competitions and organised walks etc.. Anne Leaman (secretary) was thanked for all her hard work. The committee for this year is Margaret Cleveland (president), Anne Leaman (secretary), Sally Keneally, (treasurer), Nicky Craig, Ann Langworthy, Karen Hunter, Shirley Reddaway and Rosemary Lowe.

After tea, during which members could have a look at Margaret Cleveland's antique doll collection, the other business was carried out. It was reported that any correspondence from D.F.W.I. would be on line, which was not welcomed as several members cannot access it. It was decided that from April 2020, meetings would start at 7 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.. Anne Leaman gave a report of her visit to the Spring Council meeting at Torquay. Sarah then gave her report, in which she stated that there were no other W.I.'s near enough for us to join up with for Group Meetings. The next walk will be at Meeth Clay Works on Friday May 31st and names were given in for the trip to the South Devon Railway on July 23rd. The Annual Dinner is on September 12th and there is to be a Soup and Puds Lunch in the village hall on October 19th.

FOM winner was Shirley Reddaway and the competition winner for a display of grasses was Margaret Cleveland.

The next meeting is on June 6th in Exbourne village hall when the speaker will be Nigel Wright whose subject is 'Bonsai'.
Margaret Weeks

Calling all young volunteers! Get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge



If you are aged 13 -19, love reading, and would like to get more young people sharing the magic of stories, why not help out your local library this summer? To apply, visit or email Okehampton Library and ask for an application form.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 13th July and is called Space Chase, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children are encouraged to read at least six library books of their choosing – novels, fact books, joke books, e-books or audio books, they all count.

The role will involve working with library staff to help and encourage children aged 4 -12 to complete the Summer Reading Challenge.

Activities may include:

Helping to promote the Summer Reading Challenge in the local community.

Registering children for the Challenge and giving out materials.

Listening to children talk about books they have read and giving positive encouragement to complete the challenge.

Encouraging children to explore new reading choices. Encouraging children to get the most from the challenge e.g. by exploring the SRC website.

Helping to prepare and run events in the library. Creating displays in the library.

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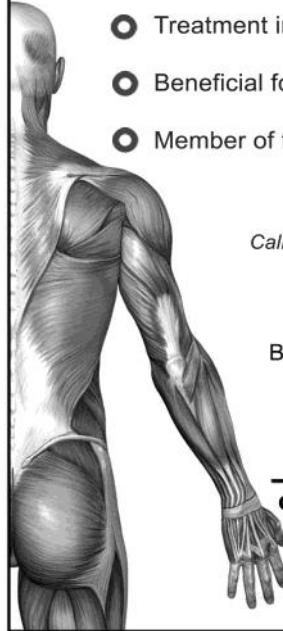
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The North Tawton Twinning Association has approximately 20 members and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We expect to receive a group of French twidders next year, (we alternate visits every other year) and will be looking for hosts/families to receive people into their homes or just join in with our activities. Speaking French is always an asset but not essential.

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At the Annual Parochial Council Meeting on 24th April, Malcolm Craig and Sarah Hanks were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

The W.I. A.G.M. was held in the Village Hall on 2nd May and Margaret Cleveland was elected President.

A Dog Show and Boot Sale were held in aid of the Village Hall on 4th May and the Flower Club held a most successful Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday, 11th May. This was followed by a superb concert in the church by the augmented St. Andrew's choir and the Two Rivers Orchestra, conducted by Richard Edwards. The packed audience thoroughly enjoyed the programme, which included three versions of Ave Verum (by Byrd, Mozart and Elgar) and Handel's Organ Concerto in F, Opus 4 No. 4, with the organ solo played by Roger Cleverdon. Solo singers included Hilary Edwards, Emma Hawkins, Julia Dunn, John Colpoys Wood, Bill Sutton-Coulson and Maxwell Turner. Profits from the evening will be divided between the Devon Air Ambulance and St. Andrew's church.

The first ever Tractor Run in aid of St. Mary's, Honeychurch and St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay was held on Sunday, 12th May – a gloriously sunny day. Tractors included both vintage and modern machines, which started from The Countryman at 10 a.m. after coffee and sausage rolls and finished there at 1.45 p.m. for a carvery lunch. It is hoped that this will become an annual event which will attract even more participants. Sampford Courtenay bellringers were awarded 3rd place in the semi-final of the 6 bell competition held in Ashwater. They now qualify for the 6 bell final. The next big village event will be the Open Gardens on Sunday, 30th June.

Nicky Craig

The Royal British Legion

The auction and draw held at the White Hart on Saturday 11th May made a fantastic amount of just over £800.

Sincere thanks to those who came along on the night and supported us and made it an enjoyable evening, grabbing themselves some really good bargains.

Thanks also to all the people and businesses of the town who so kindly gave donations and items for the draw and auction. These were very much appreciated; not forgetting thanks to our hosts Claire and Graham.

Barry Ware

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June 2nd / 9th Carol Jones
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June 30th/July 7th Cath Pettyfer
July 14th / 21st Trish Peters
July 28th Margaret Bridgman

North Tawton

Flowers

June 2nd Wedding Flowers
June 16th Greta Stoneman
June 23rd / 30th Enid Westlake /
Mary Fry
July 7th / 14th Annette Ponsford
July 21st Anita Lamey
July 28th No Service

Brass

June Celia Boughton
July Mary Fry

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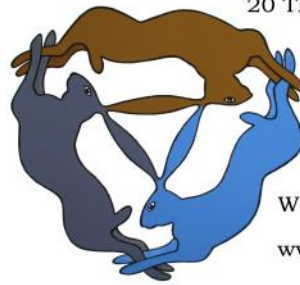
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