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# From The Rectory

## Learning a lesson from my children

As any parent or grand-parent knows, children are great teachers. I've learnt so much from our three children in the last 10 years since the first one appeared. I thought I knew quite a lot about life and the world, and I was looking forward to steadily downloading all my "great" wisdom to my beloved offspring. But in fact, it's been as much about them teaching me as me teaching them. How did I get this far without knowing my phonics? "A... A... *Ants on my Arm... causing me Alarm.*" There is a world of mini-beasts out there that had somehow passed me by for the first 32 years of my life. I now know the difference between a cartwheel and a round-off. I can't do either of them, and nor should I try, or else it might lead to a visit to A & E. (In case you hadn't worked it out, I am led to believe they are gymnastics moves.) As for the Terrible Tudors, the Next Step and Operation Ouch!... if only these and Daddy Pig had been around in the 1980's, just think what I could have become.

This year, mainly due to the passion and knowledge of my middle child, I have now become an eco-warrior. Well, that might be slightly overstating it. Perhaps I've just become a slightly better steward of my little patch of the world's resources, as I have yet to chain myself to the check-in desk at Exeter Airport, and I still quite like my diesel VW. But the passion with which I am now recycling all plastic packaging is maybe my mini Extinction Rebellion.

Jane and I have been really challenged by our children's passion for the planet, and necessarily so, for they could be on it for another 100 years. Samuel will talk at length about his concern for global warming. Emily has revolutionised the Rectory waste management system, and even Livvy will now put her used yoghurt pots in the "stinky green box" rather than the "big red bin." The older two's school science books read like Greenpeace propaganda pamphlets, and we have found ourselves more and more tuned into the subject on TV and online.

Here's just one of the effects in our household of taking our concern for Creation a little more seriously. Every other Wednesday evening when I take out the big black bags of rubbish, what used to be four full bags is now only two. At the risk of environmental virtue signalling (and there's a lot of that around!) the difference is that for the last few months we have been taking all our plastic packaging to the recycling centre in Okehampton. (I do hope it actually gets recycled!) And we're trying much harder to avoid single use plastic altogether. Perhaps you have been doing this for years, or you've been using the monthly plastic waste collection here in North Tawton on the third Saturday of every month. But we feel we are at least beginning to make a much better contribution to this present day global

challenge of reducing plastic waste.

I remain a little sceptical about some of the wilder claims of the environmental doom-merchants, and the rhetoric we are fed these days can sometimes seem a little over-the-top and all-pervading. But mainly at the instigation of our children, we've been challenged to think a lot more deeply and practically about this matter as a family in recent months. To this end, I am now more convinced than ever of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's Creation.

Most Christians have quite a clear theology of Creation, and I would argue that in a rural community like ours, that sense of care for creation extends well beyond those who go to church or profess faith in Christ. We all look out of the window and see rolling fields and livestock, and many will praise God. But perhaps we have not taken our personal practical stewardship of the world's resources seriously enough. So one minute we are praising God for the harvest and the next we are driving home in a gas-guzzler for a hearty top-side of beef. Personally, I look forward to one day owning an affordable and properly practical electric vehicle. As every month goes by there seems to be more and more of them around. As for reducing my red meat consumption though, well, I might, a bit, – smaller and more locally sourced rump steaks from now on.

There seems a lot that is very new and very pressing about environmentalism. Sometimes the message comes across as alarmist and shrill, especially on TV documentaries. But actually the challenge of good stewardship is as old as the hills, and when we care for Creation we are engaging in an activity that should come naturally as human beings. The Christian understanding of humanity is that we are soul, spirit and body. We have no enduring existence apart from our bodies. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, according to Psalm 139. And part of God's design for us is that we need food, water and oxygen, without which we can only survive for a few weeks, a few days, and a few minutes respectively. Of course, these all come from the world that God has made and in which human beings are placed as stewards. So why should I do nothing less than look after this wonderful world to the best of my ability? I think I might be learning my lesson. Maybe we all need to.

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### Road Closures.

Devon Highways will be undertaking summer patching work on the B3125 between North Tawton and Okehampton from late July and into August. The official diversion will route traffic via Whiddon Down and the A3126, as the regulations require diversions to accommodate a safe route for HGV's. Local car users will doubtless be aware of shorter, alternative routes. The nature of the work will mean that not all of the road will be closed all the time, but it will be advisable for anyone making journeys to and from Okehampton during this period to allow for re-routing and extra travelling time.

### Councillor Vacancies

The Council has received three applications in response to its advertisement to fill the two vacancies on the Council. The Council will consider the applications at its August meeting.

### Art Installation

Work is progressing well on the art installation to be erected on the corner of Moor View and High Street. The local artisans met Councillors on site in June and a wooden "mock-up" provided an opportunity for last-minute refinements. The steel structure will be mounted on weathered granite sets and we are looking forward to seeing the final realisation of this project.

### Manshed

Although the Council has received some feedback with regard to this initiative, there is a need for further local support to enable an independent group to be set up to manage the project in partnership with the Town Council. The initiative will provide opportunities for social connections and building friendships. It also facilitates skill sharing and knowledge and hopefully will also utilise the old Chapel of Rest building. If you are interested in helping to run this venture, please contact the Town Clerk.

### Annual Audit.

The Council will have fulfilled its audit obligations to make the 2018/19 accounts available for public scrutiny by 26<sup>th</sup> July and the external audit, undertaken by our auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLB, will progress to its next stage. Please note that the Open Access legislation encourages public attendance at Council meetings – the agendas are always displayed on the Notice Board and on the council website. The next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at the Council office.

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

Call him old fashioned (I frequently do) but husband can never remember exactly what an 'Americano' or a 'Mochachocachino' is. There we are, perusing a menu and I'm wondering how long it will be before I hear him say "why do they have to make it so complicated?" So when I saw the following, I was convinced it had been written solely for him.

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Brilliant. So we'll have a pot of Not Coffee for two please.

Vicki Mills works for Waitrose, she is a 'Community Matters Champion'; she is also a 'Dementia Friends Champion' and she loves talking to people. Vicki wants to spread the word about the Dementia Friends Programme and we were very happy to be on the receiving end of her infectious enthusiasm for the subject. The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends Programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia and it aims to transform the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about the condition. A Dementia Friend is someone who learns about dementia in order to help their community by raising awareness and understanding, – this can then help and support people living with dementia to continue to live in the way they want.

Vicki explained that sometimes people are reluctant to get a diagnosis as society's view tends to be that dementia is, understandably, 'scary and confusing' – however, as she went on to tell us, we can all make little changes which could have a huge impact – good communication skills are really valuable – making sure you smile, speak at a slower pace and give someone plenty of time to respond. Use lots of eye contact and encouragement during a conversation and move away from any distractions if possible. These little things may seem obvious but to a person with dementia they can really make a difference.

At the beginning of the session Vicki stated that one of her aims was to get people talking about dementia – and it was pretty clear by the end of her talk that she had achieved exactly that.

Time for 'Not Coffee' and the chance to sign up for outings, eatings (new addition to W.I. dictionary) and BUNTING. Yes – MORE bunting. A bunting workshop. At Hilary's. Where President Jan and I will be on hand to make coffee and not coffee and if we're really, really good Jan and I may be allowed to cut out triangles of material. We will look longingly at the Harley Davidson style sewing machines and the beautifully neat double sided, perfectly stitched bunting appearing in front of us and ask ourselves why didn't we pay more attention in handicraft classes at school? My report card from Miss Davis always said 'Susan tries hard but results vary'. And mum said she was being kind.

Sue Knott

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Local archaeologist Steve Stocker will give a talk entitled " In Search of a Roman Road " describing his researches into the route of the ancient road from Crediton to Okehampton.

The Archaeological work of The University of Exeter will be represented by Chris Smart who has a wide knowledge of the Roman Forts in Devon and Joao Fonte who is experienced in modern archaeological methods and has a wide knowledge of the Roman Military. They will describe geophysical work and excavations that are under way at local sites. This will also describe work going on in other parts of West Devon.

After the talks there will be an opportunity, by kind permission of Mr. Nigel Dunn, to visit the site of the Roman Forts which are on private land. Instructions for driving to the site will be given at the meeting. Visiting the sites will involve a walk of about half a mile. There may be some mud so please have appropriate footwear available.

It may be possible to arrange a walking visit to parts of the Roman Road at a later date.

Okehampton and District Local History Society is grateful to Rev'd Nick Weldon for the use of St. Peter's Church. This meeting commemorates the work of Dr. Jean Shields B.E.M. who did so much for the encouragement of the study of the history of our area. She lived at de Bathe cross and knew the Roman sites well.

There will be a charge of £4 per person for the talks and visit which includes temporary membership of the History Society.

Further details from Keith Badman on 01837 82701.

The Roman occupation of Britain lasted from about AD 50 until AD 450. At several different periods during that time North Tawton was the site of important military bases probably guarding the crossing of the River Taw on the road which led through Exeter and Okehampton towards Cornwall. Some of these military camps would have had thousands of troops present with accompanying buildings for family and civilian workers.

### HIGH STREET WANTS TO BECOME GREEN STREET!

Residents of High Street got together recently and representatives of several households discussed ways of improving life in their immediate neighbourhood. Socialising was high on the agenda, with a cheese and wine evening now being planned, but there were some topical issues that concerned the group as a whole.

Some residents had been following Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's TV series 'War on Plastic' which highlighted the damage being done to the environment by the use of plastic. As a response, the group decided that it wanted to take some action - however small - towards High Street becoming 'greener' street. The programme has featured a street in Bristol where residents are actively trying to improve their environmental footprint.

A first action has been to write to West Devon Borough Council asking for details of what happens to the waste we put out or collect for recycling. Future action may include new recycling initiatives and finding alternatives to single-use plastics. We will share any ideas with the rest of the town.

Two representatives from the street were nominated to the Town Council's Transport and Parking Group in response to concerns about vehicles speeding in High Street and to tackle the parking crisis.

The group is to form an unincorporated association as Friends of High Street - membership open to anyone who lives in High Street - and its Facebook page is under construction: **Friends of High Street Group**. You can message us through that page, and we'll later have our own email address. Watch this space.

*Kay Caldwell*



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What a year it's been! As the Summer Term draws quickly to a close we are all looking forward to a well-earned break, as well as a chance to reflect on this year's achievements. On a personal note, I am delighted to inform you that my role as Head of School is now permanent.

This term has been a very busy one for the whole school. Our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard to meet new targets and expectations, and I am very proud of their commitment, tenacity and spirit of community. We are continuing to raise standards in every area of the curriculum, with a particular focus on reading and writing development. We still have much work to do in this area, but I am very pleased with the progress so far. Parents' involvement is crucial in this area, and we continue to offer them support and encouragement.

This term's highlights included two spectacular Sports mornings held in our beautiful grounds with an added bonus of perfect weather. Both events were very well attended by parents and families. The children, although brimming with excitement, behaved wonderfully and took part in every event with a great sense of fun and friendly competition. This truly encapsulates our school's commitment to collaboration and our motto – Aim, Aspire, Achieve.

The next highlight for me was our superb production of the *Wind in the Willows*, which has caused a real stir (you may have already read all about it in the *Crediton Courier*, which gave us a whole page of coverage!). Every pupil in Years 3, 4 and 5 was face painted and assigned a befitting role to play. After a few weeks of intense line learning and precise choreography they took to the stage (borrowed from Sampford Courtney village hall) and performed brilliantly to packed houses. We have had some fantastic feedback from those who attended. I can't wait for next year's production. Watch this space!

I also have some exciting academic news to share. In September 2019 we are introducing a new classroom structure. We are moving from classes with mixed-aged groups to a streamlined system of single age groups throughout the school. This has created a new Year 4 class, which we are naming "Ash" in keeping with our forest theme, to be taught by Miss Bethany Radbourne, who will be taking up her first teaching role with us in September. We are also taking this opportunity to relocate all of our classes (so far with the exception of the Reception group). We are expecting this move to give the children a better sense of flow as they progress through the school years.

I would also like to take this opportunity formally to thank our staff, who have not only supported me in my first year as Head of School, but have worked tirelessly in often extremely pressurised circumstances. Thank you to all for your dedication, professionalism and hard work. Thank you also to FONTS, our wonderfully supportive PTA.

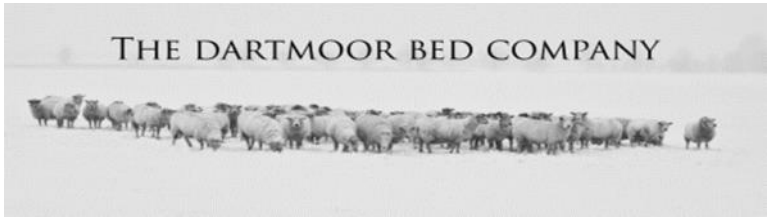
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# Nanny Knight's Revel 2019

## Week-long features:

- Town Crier
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- Banners
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## Your at-a-glance guide to events during the week.

### Saturday 10th August.

7.00 for 7.30 Quiz at Town Hall run by North Tawton F.C..

### Sunday 11th August

10.45 Town Crier declares the Revel begun. Assemble at the top end of High Street at entrance to the park.

11.00 Joint Church Service.

12.00 Games in the Park and Fire Station Open Day.

14.00 Ian Dunster Pool Tournament at The Fountain Inn.

18.00. Nanny Knight's Feast at The Town Hall. Bring a dish to share and something to drink -  
- ALL WELCOME.

### Monday 12th August

14.00 Guided walk on the famous people and places of North Tawton. Meet at the Square.

18.00. Try your hand at Bowls at the Bowling Club.

18.00 Ian Dunster Pool Tournament (Final) at the Fountain Inn.

### Tuesday 13th August

14.00 Story-telling with shadow puppets at Ashridge Great Barn.

17.30 Brewery tour, tasting and bat walk. Meet at the square for accompanied walk to brewery.  
Transport available for those who cannot or do not wish to walk.

### Wednesday, 14th August

12.00. Snail race at the Fountain Inn.

14.00 & 15.00 Seniors Tea at Kirsty's Kitchen for over 70s. Tickets free, but must be booked in advance at Kirsty's.

20.00. Folk session at the White Hart.

### Thursday, 15th August

14.00 Mask making and story-telling at the Community Centre.

19.00 Alley Cats band at the Railway Inn.

### Friday 16th August

14.00 Open gardens and sheds throughout the town. (see leaflet from Post Office)

19.00 Art show and wine tasting at the Community Centre.

### Saturday 17th August

9.00 Market: Made in North Tawton. Opened by the Town Crier.

12.00 The Big Event: produce show judging and display, games, cream teas and more.

19.00. Ceilidh for all ages at the Rugby Club.

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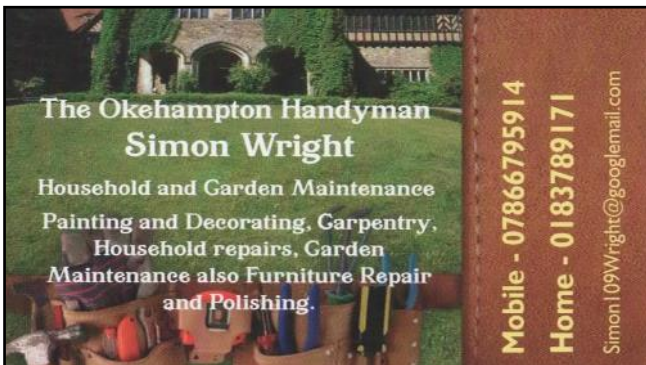
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## News from the Castle

Hi everyone

The scaffolding is starting to come down! The building team have spent the last couple of weeks cleaning it all down and dismantling the various electrics. The crane is due to come to site on 22nd July and then it all starts moving. This is quite a momentous moment and the team have been reminiscing about all the activities that have taken place over the last six and a half years. Good times, tough times and exciting times and supported by so many wonderful people along the way.

A couple of months ago, I let you know about some path work on Foresters Track through the gorge. This work is now complete and the contractors have done an excellent job; so much so that if you walk through there you will wonder what all the fuss was about! You won't notice it I expect, but the worst section of the track is now several feet higher, several feet further away from the river, better drained and a lot flatter. This should last a good few decades and we have taken the opportunity to fix a few other small problems whilst we were at it.

Finally, many of our local dog walkers will have noticed that we now have some covered seating outside the café by the entrance to the visitor centre. This is so people visiting with their four-legged friends have somewhere dry to sit while they enjoy tea and cake from the café. We also had a basket of blankets for those chillier days. Sadly, all these blankets have vanished (perhaps people got too cosy wrapped in them). If you have any unwanted blankets that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Just drop them off to our visitor welcome team in reception any day you are passing.

Thanks all and very best wishes,

**Paula**

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo  
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|-----------|-------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|----------------------|----------------|
| 02-AugFri | 2.30  | St. Thomas             | AWAY 4 x 3 mx  | 16-AugFri | 2.30 | B v Phear Park C     | HOME 2 x 3     |
| 03-AugSat | 2.30  | Heavitree              | HOME 6 x 3 mx  |           | 2.30 | C v Exonia B         | AWAY 2 x 3     |
| 05-AugMon | 2.30  | Crediton               | Home 6 x 3 mx  | 17-AugSat | 2.30 | Tiverton Borough     | AWAY 4 x 3 mx  |
| 06-AugTue | 2.30  | Morchard Bishop        | (L)AWAY 2 x 3  | 19-AugMon | 6.30 | Torrington           | AWAY 4 x 3 mx  |
|           | 6.30  | Morchard Bishop        | AWAY 4 x 3     | 21-AugWed | 2.30 | A v Tiverton Boro    | AWAY 2 x 3     |
| 07-AugWed | 2.30  | A v Morchard Bishop B  | AWAY 2 x 3     |           | 2.30 | B v Seaton C         | HOME 2 x 3     |
|           | 2.30  | B v Wellington C       | AWAY 2 x 3     |           | 2.30 | C v Sidmouth B       | AWAY 2 x 3     |
|           | 2.30  | C v Exonia C           | HOME 2 x 3     | 22-AugThu | 2.30 | Torrington (L)       | AWAY 2 x 3     |
| 09-AugFri | 2.30  | NDLTL v Byeways A      | (L) HOME 2 x 3 | 23-AugFri | 2.30 | NDLTL v Torrington   | (L) HOME 2 x 3 |
| 10-AugSat | 9.00  | Club Triples Day       | HOME 6         | 24-AugSat | 2.30 | Bideford             | AWAY 6 x 3 mx  |
| 11-AugSun | 12.00 | Shield Round Robin     | AWAY           | 28-AugWed | 2.30 | A v Wellington A     | HOME 2 x 3     |
| 12-AugMon | 6.00  | Nanny Knights Festival | HOME           |           | 2.30 | B v Sidmouth D       | AWAY 2 x 3     |
| 13-AugTue | 6.00  | Morchard Bishop        | HOME 4 x 3     |           | 2.30 | C v Pines B          | HOME 2 x 3     |
| 14-AugWed | 2.30  | A v Tiverton BC        | HOME 2 x 3     | 29-AugThu | 2.00 | Nora Gee (L)         | HOME 2 x 3     |
|           |       |                        |                | 31-AugSat |      | NDLTL - Finals Day ? |                |





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## News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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### Notes from S.C.P.C. July 2019

**Planning Application** were considered for Balhill Farm, Willey Farm, Trehill Farm and 4 Part Harveys – all were **SUPPORTED** by SCPC.

**War Memorial** – SCPC are aware that there will be Nationwide Celebrations May 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 2020 and would like to ensure snagging list with the new War Memorial is rectified by then.

**VE DAY Celebrations** – SCPC would like to arrange a weekend of events together with the Village Hall Committee and St. Andrew's Church. e.g. ENSA Variety Show & Ration Supper; Street Market and Party and games; Church Service & Cream Teas. If there are any "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys", Vera Lynn's or Lindy Hoppers out there who would like to be involved, please contact Marion Pratt on 01837 82285

**NatWest Bank** – a member of NatWest came prior to the meeting to ensure all new Councillors could be registered as official signatories for the parish council bank account.

**Road Safety Group** – Cllr. Wilson has held two meetings to explain her plan of action to try and get some data evidence to present to the Police, Highways etc. to enable a way forward with the historic problem of excessive speed through the parish. The meetings were not overly supported and more volunteers will be needed to put this plan in action.

**Parish Outing** – Cllr. Coleman has liaised with Okehampton Transport Community Group to arrange a special outing to Tiverton Canal and a ride on the Horse Drawn barge.

**Community Safety Forum** – the Clerk has attended this forum where one of the items highlighted was a "Toolkit" to help people identify vulnerable youngsters and adults and get them some help. If you are worried about anyone you know – please check out the link on our website or Facebook page or go to [www.preventingexploitationtoolkit.org.uk](http://www.preventingexploitationtoolkit.org.uk).

**Abbeyford Woods** – Cllr. Wilson has been in communication with the land owner who is not prepared to allow access across his private lane.

**Keep our Parish Tidy** – after the success of the Annual Spring Clean in May, SCPC would like to see if we can get some volunteers to regularly maintain areas within the parish, plus having another mass Tidy up in the Autumn to prepare the roads for winter weather. **If you feel like volunteering – please get in touch – or see our suggested Job List on the Website or Facebook.**

**Parish Thanks and Recognition Register** – to follow on from Item 3 and 4 above, SCPC want to keep a register to mark the work done by volunteers who "*help, assist, aid, support ~ with good will ~ for no reward but thanks*" keep an eye out on the Website for Certificates and let us know if you would like to nominate anyone in the future.

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](mailto:SCPCclerk@aol.com) or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meetings: August 6th and Sept 2nd.**

### Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Events

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| <p>1) <b>Sampford Courtenay Barbecue and Skittles Evening</b><br/>Saturday, 10th August, 7 p.m., Village Hall<br/>An evening of fun and food, hopefully in lovely summer evening sunshine (indoors if raining!).<br/>Vegetarian option available.</p> | <p>3) <b>'The Blushing Gumtree and other tales from our Australian tour'</b><br/>A talk by Gilly Thomas<br/>Saturday, 5th October, 7.30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>2) <b>Flower and Vegetable Show</b><br/>Saturday, 24th August at 2 p.m.</p>  | <p>4) <b>Diving for Pearls</b><br/>Saturday, 12th October, 7.30 p.m.</p>   |

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John Askew

A memorial service to celebrate the life of John Askew will be held in the village hall Sampford Courtenay 2-5pm on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September. John lived in the area for over 20 years and contributed enthusiastically to village life as a parish councillor, as a village hall committee member and as joint organiser of the annual flower and produce show. You are invited to share in a humanist celebration when there will be a chance to make a contribution by saying a few words or bringing photographs or other items that can be displayed. This will be followed by refreshments and chat. Please get in touch with me to help prepare for the event or if you need further information; Ishbel Askew 01837 82280 (please note new number) or [ishgordon@live.co.uk](mailto:ishgordon@live.co.uk)

#### SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A few dates for your diary:

Monthly Whist drives – 2nd Wednesday of each month – 7 for 7.30p.m.

Yoga classes – weekly on a Tuesday.

Tap Dance – weekly on a Thursday.

Table Tennis – weekly ring 01837 851659 for details.

10th August – BBQ and Skittles evening, 7p.m.

An evening of fun and food, hopefully in lovely summer evening sunshine (indoors if raining!). Vegetarian option available.

24th August – Flower and Produce Show 2 p.m..

5th October – ‘The Blushing Gumtree and other tales from our Australian tour’. A talk by Gilly Thomas 7.30 p.m..

12th October – Diving for Pearls, 7.30pm.

An explosive six-piece band of experienced musicians playing blues, funk, rock and other genres in their own rich blend. 7.30 p.m..

8th November – Quiz and Pudding Evening, 7.30 p.m.

18th December – Christmas Bingo – 7 for 8 p.m.

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March (date to be confirmed) – Big Breakfast.

28th March – Exbourne Community Choir

#### Thank you

Monica Simons would like to thank all family and friends who helped celebrate her 80th birthday at the rugby club.

Donations in lieu of gifts came to £880 which has been split between the Devon Air Ambulance and the North Tawton Football Club.



#### Sampford Courtenay Flower and Vegetable Show Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019

##### SCARECROWS

- Will be up on display from 1st Aug. – and photos will be on our Facebook and Website – why not have a walk/drive around and see if you can spot them all?

##### • SUNFLOWERS

Someone will be around to measure the tallest sunflower where it is grown. No need to bring it to the Show.

##### CLASS 24 – HEAVIEST CROP FROM ONE SEED POTATO

- Those of you who purchased a seed potato and bucket and have been growing your own crop of potatoes – bring the whole bucket, growing medium, and crop of potatoes to the show with your other exhibits where they will all be turned out and the potatoes weighed to see who has the most. All exhibitors are welcome to take their own crop of potatoes home to eat.

##### EXHIBITORS

- You need to get your list of entries and entry money in to either Higher Town or Sunnyside by 7 p.m. on Wed 21st August. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Your exhibits themselves can be delivered to the Village Hall between 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Friday 23rd Aug. or 8.45 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Saturday 24th Aug.. Hall must be cleared by 10 a.m. for judging.

##### LAST YEAR'S WINNERS

- Please remember to bring back all your trophies for presentation to the winners this year.

##### DOORS OPEN

- The Show itself starts at 2 p.m. – Admission £1 (children free) – you can then have a look around all the exhibits, admire the winning entries and partake of light refreshments.
- Auction – there will be an Auction at 4 p.m. of several entries donated by exhibitors followed by a raffle and then the prize giving.
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### **Bondleigh Rainfall**

June has certainly brought a change in the weather with 67.5 mm in the first 10 days and this has continued for 3 weeks. It was welcome rain, but summer finally returned for the last week of the month and has continued into July.

Total rainfall for the month was 103 mm. compared to only 4.8 mm. last June.

*Danny Semorad*

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Wednesday 14th August  
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*Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August.*

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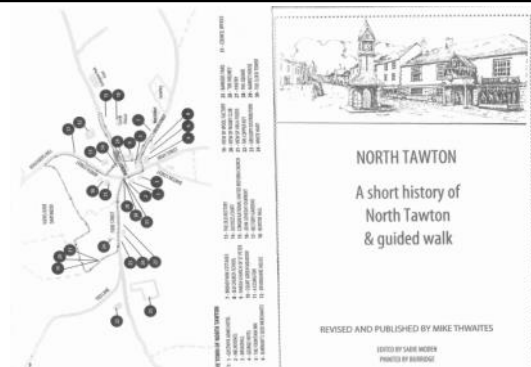
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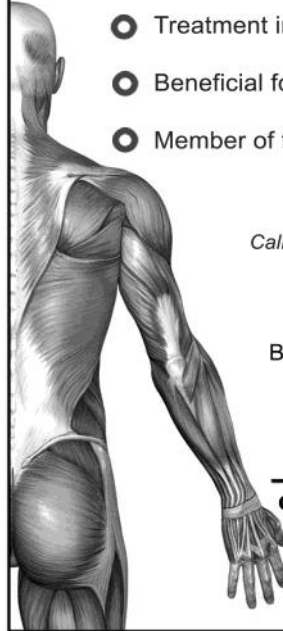
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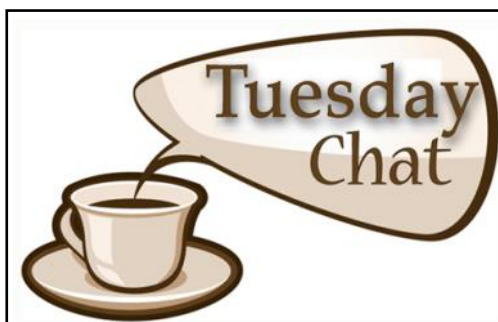
**Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and  
Jacobstowe W.I.**

The latest meeting was held in Exbourne village hall on Thursday July 4th. The president welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung. As the advertised speaker could not come, Vicky Mills from Waitrose stepped in at short notice. She deals with Community Matters in the Okehampton branch. She showed a short video about how John Lewis and Waitrose started, saying that even now many people did not realise that Waitrose was connected to John Lewis. All employees of both are partners and have a say in the running of both. She explained how Waitrose is trying to deal with plastic and the disposal of out of date food. They do not reckon to throw out much food as they are connected to several charities who deal with it. She answered many questions and was thanked by Anne Leaman.

After tea and some Waitrose treats, the business was dealt with. Final arrangements were made about the outing to the South Devon Railway on July 23rd with transport sorted out. Members signed up for the Annual Lunch at the Tom Cobley, Spreyton on September 12th.. Margaret Cleveland read her report of her visit to the Conference at Bournemouth, which she found very interesting. New members are needed for the skittles team. This year there have only got to be 6 members in a team instead of 8 and Ann Langworthy is organising it. The entry for the Okehampton Show is taking shape quite nicely. The next Walk is on Friday July 26th and will start from Okehampton Station for Fatherford Viaduct and back.

FOM winners were Sally Kenealy and Ethel Nancekivell. The winners of the competition for a candlestick saw many entries and the winners were Anne Leaman, Maggie Brady, Nicky Craig and Gillian Townsend Green.

The next meeting is on Thursday September 5th in Sampford Courtenay village hall at 7.30 p.m.. The speaker, Eva Pearson, will talk on 'The Importance of the Creative Arts in this Digital Age'.  
*Margaret Weeks*



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## News from Sampford Courtenay

The Devon Association held a meeting in Sampford Courtenay on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, when Professor Mark Stoye – Professor of early modern history at Southampton University – gave a most informative and interesting talk on the Prayer Book Rebellion. After lunch Dr. Helen Wilson spoke on the restoration of the Church and Dr. Sue Andrew the original function of the Church Rooms. The Association was kind enough to allow twelve parishioners to attend the meeting.

The village held an Open Gardens day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, when twelve delightful gardens were on show. Ploughman's lunches and Devonshire cream teas were available in the Church Rooms and the profit is to be divided between the Village Hall and St. Andrew's church.

Sampford Courtenay Flower Club hosted a Coral Celebration lunch, made by the committee, in the Village Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> birthday of the group. It was followed by a most memorable flower demonstration by Sheila Hadlow Mount.

The bell ringers' visited Ilfracombe for their annual outing on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

*Nicky Craig*

## St. Andrew's Parish Church, Sampford Courtenay

### Harvest Festival Service

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 p.m.  
followed by Harvest Supper

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Malcolm Craig                  01837 880118

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### Whist Drives

At

### Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

### Pause for thought

O blessed is that land of God  
Where saints abide for ever,  
Where golden fields spread far and broad,  
Where flows the crystal river;  
The strains of all its holy throng  
With ours today are blending;  
Thrice blessed is that harvest song  
Which never hath an ending.

### Friends of North Tawton Surgery

Dates for 2019:

7th September: Coffee Morning

10th October: Quiz Night

14th December: Turkey and Tinsel

Please support these events.

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**Sampford Courtenay**

|            |           |                                    |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | 9.30 a.m. | Morning Worship                    |
| 2nd Sunday | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion<br>BCP            |
| 3rd Sunday | 6.30 p.m. | Evensong                           |
| 4th Sunday | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion<br>BCP            |
| 5th Sunday | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion<br>Common Worship |

**SERVICES at St. Peter's Church**  
**North Tawton**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 1st Sunday | 11 a.m. Morning Worship                                      |
| 2nd Sunday | 11 a.m. Informal Communion<br>6.30 p.m. Evensong (Apr - Oct) |
| 3rd Sunday | 11 a.m. All-age Worship                                      |
| 4th Sunday | Traditional Communion  |
| 5th Sunday | Informal Communion   |

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**Bondleigh**

|            |           |                |
|------------|-----------|----------------|
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| 3rd Sunday | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |

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**North Street Chapel**  
Contacts: Mr. C. Milton 01837 82708 Mr. R. Sampson 07835 033062

|                        | 11 p.m.            | 6.30 p.m.                              |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday | Special service    | Bible Study                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | Prayer & Communion | Tea & Talk                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | Ministry           | No service unless advertised otherwise |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Prayer & Communion | DVD                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | Prayer & Communion | No service unless advertised otherwise |



**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**BAPTISM**

Sunday 7th July                      Jacob Sean Peter HICKS (8 months)                      Lakeway United Church

**WEDDING**

Saturday 15th June                      David BROWN and Alexis BURNES                      St. Andrew's Church

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### Honeychurch

August                      K. Squire  
September                M. Weeks

### Bondleigh

August 4th                Margaret Bridgman  
August 11th / 18th      Christine Tenholter  
August 25th / Sept 1st   Jacqui Bourne  
September 8th / 15th    Bridget Higgs  
September 22nd /29th   Jill Ridley

### North Tawton

#### *Flowers*

August 4th / 11th        Lindsay Gibb  
                                    I.M.O. Jean Selman  
August 18th                Wedding Flowers  
August 25th / Sept 1st    Monica Simons  
September 8th / 15th     Margaret Arcscott  
September 22nd / 29th    Celia Boughton

#### *Brass*

August                      Frances Brookes  
September                Sandra Delve

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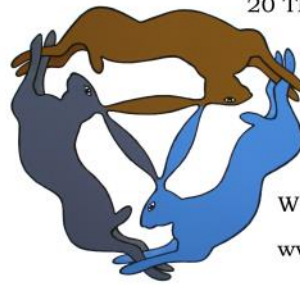
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