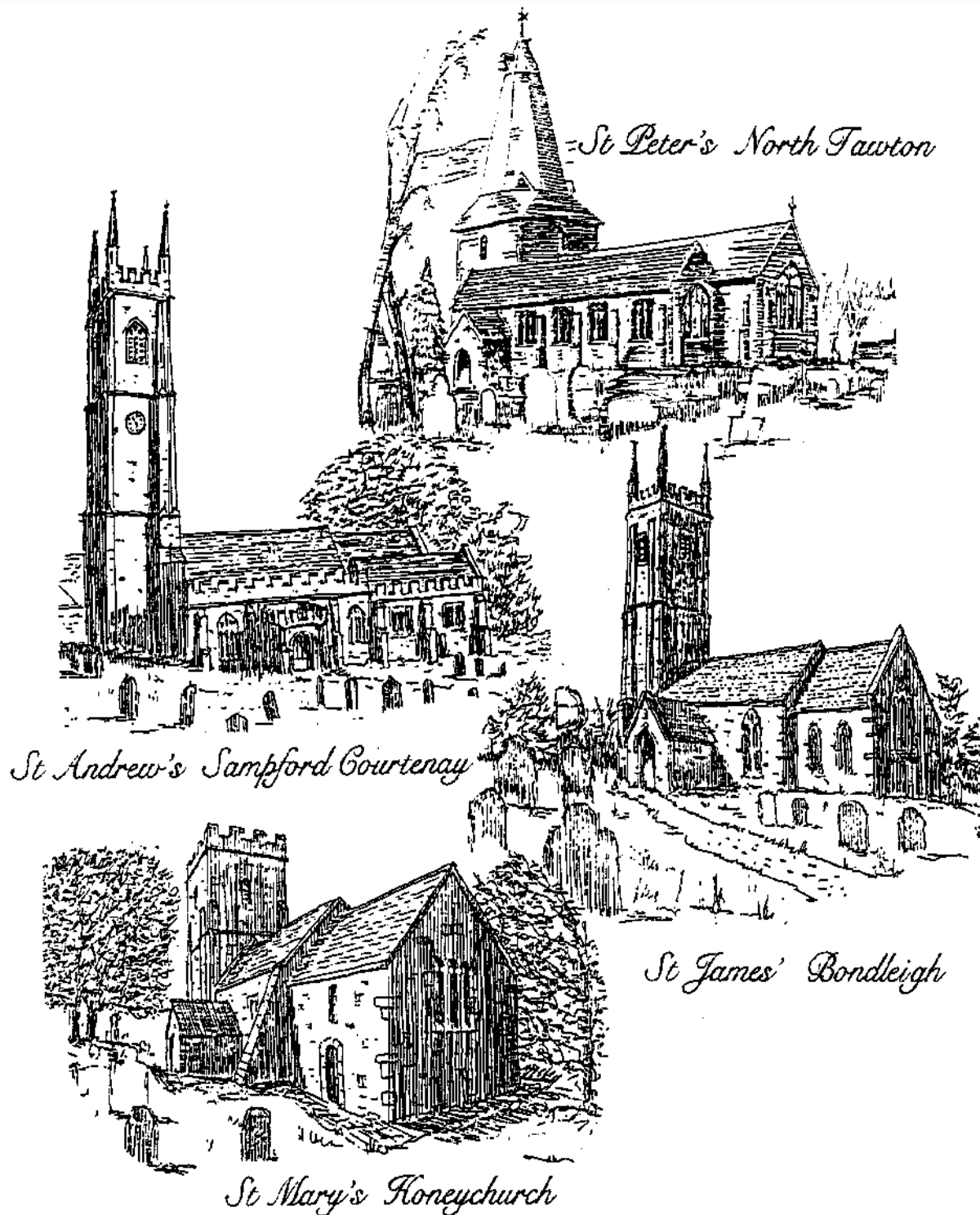


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## From The Rectory

### Warning – rant alert!

After three years of nauseating governmental deadlock, we now have to endure a second act in the lengthy political pantomime that started with that blessed referendum in June 2016. First the Brexit stalemate, now a Conservative Party leadership contest. Ahhhh! When will it end? Please make it stop! And we haven't even left the European Union yet! And as if things couldn't get any worse, the Government has just shelved the plan to widen the A303!? No! Seven hours from here to Guildford it took me a couple of weeks ago! I've got an idea... use the over 75's TV licence money to build an extra lane past Stonehenge! Please Boris? Please Michael? Please Jeremy....? whichever of you will be Prime Minister next. Please make it happen!?

Okay – rant over. (It was quite a short one!). I'm sure I'm not the only one showing significant signs of political fatigue. It's exasperating, exhausting – like watching a Brit clinging on for dear life in a fourth set tie-break at Wimbledon.

Trying to be more constructive for a moment, whether we like it or not, there is now a contest going on for the next leader of the Conservative Party, which will, under the current slightly odd system, make the winner our next Prime Minister. There is long tradition in the Christian faith of praying for and submitting to those in authority, be they leaders in the church or heads of state. It comes from the Apostle Paul's instructions to the believers in Rome (Romans chapter 13) that God has established all authorities, so people should respect them and not subvert them. It is an extension of Jesus' teaching when he famously said his followers should "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's" (Luke chapter 20). So exasperated as I am (and perhaps you are too) I take it, therefore, that we should always seek to engage positively in local and national politics no matter what the situation is. And spare a thought also for the numerous sovereign states whose political crises are far deeper and more deadly than ours.... e.g. South Sudan and Yemen to name but two of the most obvious.

I suppose what would be most heartening to see as the leadership contest progresses is someone rising to the top with the character, integrity, ingenuity and determination to take the country forward constructively in this challenging time; someone who proves to be worthy of people's confidence and trust. I'm not holding my breath. At the time of writing there are seven names still in the hat, and by all accounts there is a clear front-runner. So far, the various self-promoting pitches that each candidate has made has reminded me of the legendary and perhaps imaginary figure "Hugh Gallagher", except

none is as articulate and funny as him. Mr Gallagher may exist, he may not, but legend has it in 1998 this mysterious young man applied for a place at a university in New York. When asked in his application form if he wanted to say anything further to help with his application, he wrote ... *"I am a dynamic figure, often seen scaling walls and crushing ice.... I write award-winning operas, I manage time efficiently.*

*Occasionally, I tread water for three days in a row.... I woo women with my sensuous and godlike trombone playing... I cook Thirty-Minute Brownies in twenty minutes. I am an expert with Polyfilla, a veteran in love, and an outlaw in Peru.... I have won bullfights in San Juan, cliff-diving competitions in Sri Lanka, and spelling competitions at the Kremlin. I have played Hamlet, I have performed open-heart surgery, and I have spoken with Elvis.... Next week I will be 18."* I love this guy. Even if he doesn't exist, whoever wrote this piece that now circulates the internet in various forms would make an excellent Prime Minister. He'd widen the A303 before breakfast – with his butter knife.

As I've listened to the various candidates claiming they are the one to break the deadlock, unite the country, and move us forward into a peaceful and prosperous future, I confess to a little cynicism. Who would want this poison chalice of being the Brexit Prime Minister? Look what it did to Theresa May and David Cameron. And why am I listening to the candidates anyway? Because, not being a member of the Conservative Party, I have no say in who will be the next leader of our nation, and neither probably do most of you. Only Conservative Party members will. So like most people, I will have to wait until the next general election to effect any change in that direction, and I'm not sure I've got the stomach for one of those anytime soon.

But joking aside and cynicism aside, we do all need to remember that one way or another the country will get through this. And as a Christian, I am reminded that the state authorities are there for the common good – or at least they should be. If we citizens switch off to all political matters no matter how exasperating they might be, then we will only ever get the kind of leaders we deserve and not the ones we desire. So hang in there! (I say this to myself as much as to you.) Keep positive, keep smiling, and keep praying for those in authority. It will get better, hopefully soon. Maybe Jo Konta will ace Wimbledon this year. Maybe even the A303 will get widened one day too. Hope springs eternal.

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### North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan

The North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan is now at a crucial and exciting stage - Examination!

The Plan was submitted to West Devon Borough Council on 3rd April. WDBC was satisfied that the draft and accompanying documents complied with all the relevant statutory requirements. Regulation 16 consultation then followed which ended on 20th May. After this stage only 2 remain - Examination then Referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan Group await the response of the Examiner - Martin Lee, a chartered Town & Country Planning consultant who lives in Devon. We anticipate there will be points that we will need to address - at this stage we don't know how long this will take.

Once the Plan is acceptable to the Examiner WDBC will organise a referendum. This will be your chance to vote on whether you agree with the Plan or not. Won't be long now.....

### Great Western Railway / Okerail Timetable

Copies of the latest train timetable are available at the Town Council Office, Post Office and local shops. From now until 8<sup>th</sup> September a Sunday service will run from Okehampton to Exeter four times a day. Plans to extend the service on a daily basis are being formulated.

### NTTC Traffic and Parking Group

The Town Council will reconvene the Traffic and Parking Group during July. At the moment there is only one member of the public who attends the group and the Council would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining this advisory group. It is proposed to hold a meeting in the Council Office on Thursday 11 July at 7 p.m..

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### It really is beyond foul...

I make no apology for raising yet again the issue of dog fouling. We continue to receive numerous complaints about this issue, which naturally causes strong feelings in those affected by the minority of dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs. In some areas this is happening on a daily basis. To the dog owners concerned, don't assume you are anonymous – I am frequently told by complainants that they know who is responsible. West Devon Borough Council localities officers have been asked to undertake patrols in the town, this will be in the early mornings and evenings as well as during normal working hours. West Devon will welcome witness statements from members of the public, with the identity of alleged perpetrators, relevant car registration numbers, and any other information that will help to take legal action against persons not picking up after their dogs. (Copies of witness statements are available from NTTC office - please be aware that witnesses must be prepared to attend court proceedings if cases go to court.) Perpetrators should be aware that failure to clean up after your dog can result in a fixed penalty notice of £80, or a prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000. In North Devon on Friday 3rd May 2019 a complaint was made and a resident was fined for not picking up after their dog - please let this be a wake-up call and make a decision to help keep our lovely Town clean and safe for residents and visitors.

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

We came, we sewed, we ate cake. Not necessarily in that order. Cake was definitely a major feature of our second Nanny Knight Revel flag-making workshop and we all made a concerted effort not to get crumbs on the flag material – Hilary’s lemon drizzle was so tasty and exceptionally drizzly so we apologise if, when the flags go up, you spot a lemony drizzly stain on any of them. I have to say “didn’t they do well” – so thanks to Brucie for coming up with that tag line and thanks to all the ladies who contributed to our own Grand Sewing Bee – the flags look terrific.

Anyone remember Dr. John from David Fitzgerald’s Interactive Lunch on Radio Devon? Known formally as Dr. John Pickard but, interestingly, if he’d used his surname whilst on the radio he could have been reported to the General Medical Council for ‘advertising’. He had a very warm welcome from our ladies before he proceeded to talk about his career and his time on the radio. Dr. John initially posed a question about the media – Is it an enemy or an ally to medicine? The NHS is everywhere now – television, radio, Twitter and we all know so much more about this massive ‘industry’. Dr. John was approached back in 2009 by Radio Devon and so it was with no media training whatsoever that he did his first live programme on 18th March 2010. The topic he was asked to discuss? Sick notes.

As he settled into this new role he prepared for subsequent programmes by reading a variety of papers, magazines and literature the week before and then on the day itself he would scan news headlines both nationally and locally to pick up on any new issues that might crop up. Subjects covered included the shortage of GPs and “the plugging of GP gaps with physios, pharmacists and paramedics”, the closure of Community Hospital beds and the problems in towns and cities as a result of alcohol deregulation which he felt had also caused an increase in workload for A&E departments.

Dr. John went on to talk a little about how much change there has been in very recent years – with the departure of Primary Care Trusts and the arrival of Care Commissioning Groups and the good work of the Care Quality Commission which he felt had definitely helped to improve some staffing levels. His final point was about the problem of childhood obesity which he felt could be addressed by ensuring that all schools had domestic science on the curriculum – his suggestion? “The W.I. could teach the country to cook.” Husband is whispering, “cottage pie, cottage pie” in my ear. Dr. John retired from his radio career in 2015 and finished by saying that he received no financial remuneration for it – he happily did it for nothing and loved every minute of it.

The Rambley bit. We have a date for the next John Lewis “lock in” – hurrah. It’s mid-October, and although I would not normally allow the word Christmas to pass my lips until 1st December I may be prepared to make an allowance for John Lewis if this means festive goody bags, festive fizz tastings and other things festive. Apologies for over-use of the word festive. Not that the W.I. is at all biased and other supermarkets are obviously available, however we are also having a special visit to Waitrose in November to meet with their ‘Healthy Eating Advisor’. Does this mean the confectionery aisle is out of bounds? And will an alarm go off if we loiter too close to the red wine?

And finally – my Pan’s People dance routine to the National Federation of W.I.’s pop song is coming along nicely. If you don’t know what I’m talking about then read the last edition of Roundabout and keep up please. Husband is helping me with some of the moves. I’m not sure if W.I. members will ever be ready for it.

Sue Knott

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### Saturday 13 July 09:30-12:00 – *Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019 Launch*

(See page 27 for more details)

### Saturday 13 July - Saturday 7 September –Summer Quiz Sheets

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### Monday 29 July 10:30-12:00 – *From Rubbish to Rockets Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019*

We'll be re-cycling rubbish into rockets, UFOs, planets etc. We will provide the materials for an out of this world craft session!

Suitable for children aged 5+

Free event, donations welcome. Please book in advance as spaces are limited.

### Wednesday 31 July 19.00 – Michael Jecks

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Free - no booking necessary.

**1st Tuesday of the month 15:45 – 16:45 – Bookworms Book Club for ages 7–11**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 15:45-16:45 - Bunala Book Club for ages 12+**

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The final half-term has arrived! We are as busy as ever squeezing the last of the annual activities into the remaining few weeks. As part of the extended curriculum we have planned fun days out to local attractions for all of our classes. We will be visiting the Plymouth Aquarium, The Eden Project, the Miniature Pony Centre, as well as getting muddy at the Bear Trail. These special day trips create the most precious memories and make crucial links to learning in other curriculum areas back at school. The oldest pupils also have an opportunity to spend time away from home on a residential trip. This year they will be spending three days at Beam House near Bideford, on a PGL-led event. These super experiences give the pupils wonderful opportunities to develop skills and attributes which contribute to the whole person. We are delighted as always to watch our pupils grow in independence and resilience as they learn to explore the world around them.

Meanwhile, back at the school the pupils are enjoying our lovely swimming pool which has finally reached the correct temperature. Each class has one session a week improving their water confidence, and learning how to swim with control and precision. Our PTA – Friends of North Tawton School (FONTS), spends many hours of its time to ensure that the pool is cleaned and maintained, so our children can continue to enjoy this valuable resource. The pool is also open during the school holidays for all the community to enjoy.

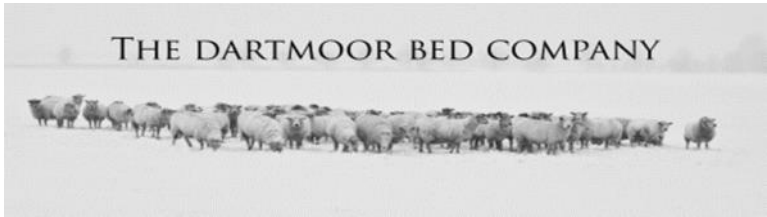


The current spell of wet weather is only proving good for the garden! We are all hoping it will brighten up so our school field can dry out in time for the sports days! I look forward to writing my final July article before we break for the Summer Holidays.

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Miss Chauhan  
Head of School

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# Nanny Knight's Revel 2019

*It's coming soon!*

*The programme will be coming through your door during July – look out for all the great events taking place. There's something for everyone from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August.*

## **Call for Artists!**

There will be an **art show** as part of the Nanny Knight Revels and we are looking for artists and crafts people who would like to exhibit. There will be no charge to exhibit but a contribution towards the Barton Street Community Centre will be asked for any works sold.

A great opportunity to have your work exhibited.....and to find buyers.

All work to be delivered on the morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and any unsold work collected on the morning of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. (Please don't apply if you can't make this commitment.) Space will be dependent on numbers so in the first instance please contact [organiser@themusicandart.co.uk](mailto:organiser@themusicandart.co.uk).

## **Call for producers!**

The Town Hall will revert to its original purpose as a market for one day only on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August. **'Made in North Tawton'** is the proud market brand for that day. If you live in or around North Tawton and are a producer of any sort – fruit, vegetables, preserves, crafts, jewellery, clothing – anything that you might normally find in a produce market – this is your chance to sell your wares. Tables are free of charge, but need to be pre-booked. Let us know at [nannyknights2019@gmail.com](mailto:nannyknights2019@gmail.com)

## **Call for Windows!**

The children of North Tawton Primary School are writing poetry which they will exhibit in our **'Words for Windows'** event. We need lots of windows in High Street and Fore Street to make a great display throughout the length of the town. If you would be happy to display a child's poem (on specially designed A4 paper) in your window during the Revel, please contact us at [nannyknights2019@gmail.com](mailto:nannyknights2019@gmail.com)

## **Don't Forget !**

The schedule for the Grand Marquee Show on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August will be available in the Post Office from July 1<sup>st</sup>

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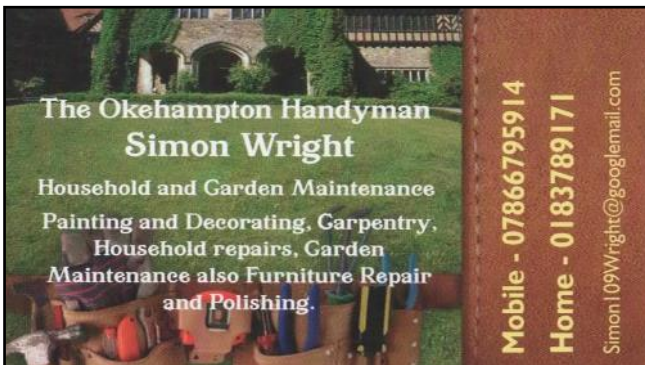
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## News from the Castle

Hi everyone

Where is the year going? I can't believe that it is June already. The weather has been pretty kind so far which means that we have had lots of lovely visitors and the builders have been able to make good some time they lost over winter. As I write this, we are looking at the end of June for the main scaffolding to start to be dismantled which will take up to 12 weeks. I'm hoping I haven't cursed us by putting that in writing!

We are gearing up ready for the summer holidays and looking forward to seeing many of you out and about either walking on the estate, taking part in the trail around the gardens or even perhaps at the open-air theatre performance of Noel Coward's Private Lives on Thursday 8th August. Tickets are available from The Plough in Torrington. We will also be hosting National Play Day out on Piddledown Common on Wednesday 7th August from 2pm to 4pm. This event is free so please do pop up for playtime – everyone is welcome.

Finally, you are warmly invited to join us on the morning of Tuesday 16th July for a small celebration event we are doing as part of our involvement in the National Lottery Heritage Fund project 'All the Moor Butterflies'. Our friends from Butterfly Conservation will be with us as we do some walks and talks to share the results of the project and the impact it has had for butterfly habitats on Dartmoor. Please come up to Piddledown Common between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. if you would like to join us. If the weather works against us, the event will take place on Thursday 18th July instead but keep fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day so plan A can go ahead.

Thanks all and very best wishes,

**Paula**

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

### THANK YOU

Just to say a big thank you to all of you for the get well cards, phone calls etc. when I was taken ill last July. I must say I am feeling a little better but it has been slow progress. Mostly I must give special thanks to the key holders who came to my rescue when called. It was very much appreciated.

God bless you all.

Hilda Arscott

### North Tawton Guides

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July the Guides are having a Walking Treasure Hunt starting from 2 p.m. at Church Cottage, cost £1 per adult and 50p per child (no unaccompanied children under 10 years old), or if you would rather just sit in the garden there will be Cream Teas available from 3 p.m..  
 Dry weather has been ordered.

### Bowling Club July Fixtures:

01-Jul Mon	2.30	Chagford	HOME 4 x 3 mx	17-Jul Wed	2.30	A v St Thomas C	HOME 2 x 3
02-Jul Tue	6.30	Okehampton	AWAY 4 x 3		2.30	B v Hemyock B	AWAY 2 x 3
	2.30	Okehampton (L)	HOME 2 x 3		2.30	C v Honiton B	HOME 2 x 3
03-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Tiverton WE B	HOME 2 x 3	18-Jul Thu	2.30	Bradworthy (L)	HOME 2 x 3
	2.30	B v Uffculme C	AWAY 2 x 3		6.30	Bradworthy	HOME 4 x 3
	2.30	C v Morchard Bishop A	HOME 2 x 3	19-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Morchard Bishop (L)	HOME 2 x 3
04-Jul Thu	6.30	Hatherleigh	AWAY 4 x 3	20-Jul Sat	2.30	Pinces Gardens	AWAY 6 x 3 mx
05-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bradworthy (L)	HOME 2 x 3	21-Jul Sun	9.00	Sponsored Day	HOME 6
	6.30	A v Hatherleigh A	AWAY 3 x 3	22-Jul Mon	9.00	Ladies Unbadged Pairs (L)	HOME
	6.30	B v Rock Park A	AWAY 3 x 3	23-Jul Tue	9.00	Ladies Unbadged Pairs (L)	HOME
06-Jul Sat	2.30	Heavitree	AWAY 6 x 3 mx		6.30	Bradworthy	AWAY 4 x 3
08-Jul Mon	6.30	Morchard Bishop	AWAY	24-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Cullompton	AWAY 2 x 3
10-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Topsham Whites	AWAY 2 x 3		2.30	B v Marina C	HOME 2 x 3
	2.30	B v Feniton Falcons	HOME 2 x 3		2.30	C v Madeira B	HOME 2 x 3
	2.30	C v Belmont A	AWAY 2 x 3	25-Jul Thu	2.30	Exonia	HOME 6 x 3 mx
11-Jul Thu	2.30	NDLTL v Torrington (L)	AWAY 2 x 3	26-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v Bideford B (L)	AWAY 2 x 3
12-Jul Fri	2.30	NDLTL v South Molton B (L)	AWAY 2 x 3	27-Jul Sat	2.30	Crediton	AWAY 6 x 3 mx
	6.30	A v Bideford A	HOME 3 x 3	30-Jul Tue	2.30	South Molton	AWAY 6 x 3 mx
	6.30	B v Rock Park B	HOME 3 x 3	31-Jul Wed	2.30	A v Bradninch B	HOME 2 x 3
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We are stretched at times to fulfil all these fixtures for nearly every day of the week. However the selection committee ensures that everybody in the club gets a game!

The club competitions are slow in being completed, so members please get your games done and dusted! The Club and the grounds are now taking on a more established look and getting lots of positive comments from visiting teams and players.

We could still do with a few more members especially the ladies It's a great friendly game with lots of social aspects for all age groups.

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Mike Thwaites (President)



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### Notes from SCPC June 19

1. **Co-option of Janet Palmer to SCPC** – Chair Michele Wilson welcomed Janet Palmer to the council which now has its full complement of 8 councillors.
2. **Parish Survey Recommendations** – Cllr. Wilson is keen that the recommendations resulting from the recent Parish Survey are put into a Plan in which progress can be monitored and acted upon.
  - a) **Cllr. Mike Carpenter** will be heading up a **Communications Group** to try and resolve the Broadband Issues in the parish. Volunteers to join this group please get in touch.
  - b) **Parish Mailing List** – there is now a **Sign Up** button on the parish Website where you can subscribe to get notice of events and important information direct to your inbox. **Please go to the website and sign up now!**
  - c) **Defibrillator Fund** – SCPC are looking for any fund raising ideas to help get this project off the ground. The Grumpies have already volunteered to give any profits from their Supper; and Marion Pratt added that some parishioners have suggested that some of the profits from this year's Flower and Veg Show could also be used for this good cause. **If you have any other Fund Raising Ideas – please get in touch.**
  - d) **Okehampton Community Transport Scheme** – in an effort to gain more publicity and awareness in the parish of this invaluable service. SCPC are hoping to arrange a Parish outing to Tiverton Canal using the Community Transport. **Keep an eye out for more details.**
  - e) **Road Safety Group** – Cllr. Michele Wilson is heading up this group herself and has organised 2 Open Meetings where parishioners can come and have their say and offer to help to gather evidence of excessive speed throughout the parish to present again to the relevant authorities. These meetings will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm – 7pm New Inn, Sampford Courtenay** and **28<sup>th</sup> June – 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – The Countryman, Sampford Courtenay**. This has been a main concern for parishioners for many years. **Please come and support the group and spread the news to your friends and neighbours.**
3. **Playground Repairs** – a band of three gentlemen has kindly undertaken the required repairs to the Play Equipment so no DIY SOS is necessary at the moment. Many thanks.
4. **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.**
5. **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.
6. 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: July 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Events

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| <p>1) <b>Sampford Courtenay Barbecue and Skittles Evening</b><br/>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>2) <b>Flower and Vegetable Show</b><br/>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August at 2 p.m.</p>  | <p>4) <b>Diving for Pearls</b><br/>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m.</p>   |

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

**SCPC – DEFIBRILLATOR FUND** – any profits which arise from the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show are donated to Charity. For the past few years the Charity has been Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. However, this year we are considering sharing any profits between the Village Hall and the Defibrillator Fund. If you have any comments on this suggestion please contact Marion Pratt on 01837 82285

### **Children's Classes**

**Decorated Stone or Pebble** – if your children or grandchildren are looking for something to do – why not get them decorating a stone or a pebble to enter in this year's show?

**Favourite joke in your best handwriting** – or can they make us all laugh with their favourite joke.

**Something to get you all started on.**

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.

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

The latest meeting was held in Exbourne village hall on Thursday June 6th. The President welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was Nigel Wright, who had brought along a large display of Bonsai. He explained that the art of Bonsai had been around for hundreds of years and how the different shapes were made. It was a very informative talk and presentation. He was thanked by Pam Pemberton.

After refreshments the business meeting was held. There were many pieces of correspondence to be perused, from a form to do a Lace Knitting Workshop, to a tour of behind the scenes at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth and the Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral.

More arrangements were made for the visit for the Summer Outing to the South Devon Railway on July 23rd and the 85th Anniversary Lunch, which is to be at the Tom Copley Inn at Spreyton on September 12th. Arrangements for the Okehampton Show exhibit are well under way. The next walk is at Bratton Clovelly on Friday June 28th.

FOM winner was Margaret Rook and the competition winner for a treescape was Margaret Cleveland.

The next meeting is in Exbourne village hall on Thursday July 4th and the speaker will be Darline Joseph who is a member of the British Psychological Group.

*Margaret Weeks*

## **Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Committee**

We held our Quiz and Pudding evening on May 17<sup>th</sup> and would like to thank the 19 teams who turned up to take part.

We would also like to thank those of you who brought a pudding with you – this is greatly appreciated as it obviously saves us buying or making extra puddings.

We raised the sum of £553.12, which is a very welcome addition to our funds and your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Honeychurch Badgers, who were the winners of the quiz.

We will organise another one in November.

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*Danny Semorad*

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If you would rather turn up and introduce yourself that's fine too.

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In response to a letter supported and signed by Rev. D Bickerton of Sampford Courtenay (Rural Dean) and sent out on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1968 by Messrs B. Drake and P. Aggett to captains of towers in the Deanery, ringers representing eight towers met the Church Hall Okehampton on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1969 to discuss the possibility of holding a ringing competition.

Discussions were made on whether to hold a competition or a get together festival. Voting ended four towers for competition and four towers for a "get together" festival. The final decision was to initially hold a "get together" festival at North Tawton on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1969. Since then the Association has held annual festival/competition at various towers throughout the deanery as a way to encourage ringers' development with friendly competition.

The main section of Saturday's competition was narrowly won by Sampford Courtenay with 18 faults ahead of South Tawton on 18 ¼. The Novice section to encourage learners was won by Chagford, and Sampford Courtenay won the Intermediate Section. The competition was judged by Mr. B. Drake & Mr. M. Way of North Tawton.

Following the results, Rev. Stephen Cook took a service thanking all ringers for their continued efforts throughout the deanery. Celebrations continued after the results and included a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake and a glass of fizz.

On behalf of the Association and all the ringers involved, a big thank you to the ringers of Okehampton for putting on a fantastic afternoon. Here's to the next 50 Years!

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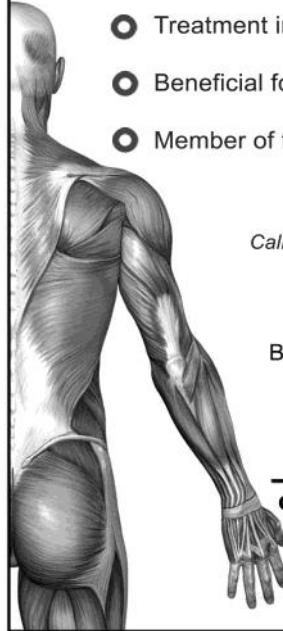
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## News from Sampford Courtenay

Rogation Sunday was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> May with a walk round the village, led by the Rev'd Rita Bullworthy, blessing the soil, the crops, the animals and the water courses en route. Coffee and cake were enjoyed afterwards at the New Inn. A short service to mark Ascension Day was held in the churchyard on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, followed by coffee and cake in the Church Rooms.

The funeral of David Knights, once very active in the village (particularly with the Prayerbook Rebellion and updating the war memorial) took place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Weston-super-Mare. John Askew's funeral took place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Exeter Crematorium and the funeral of Barbara Johnson, who died on 21<sup>st</sup> May, was held at St. Andrew's on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The village was devastated to learn of the death of Jon Clatworthy-Edwards, aged just 43. A memorial service for him took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June (see details below)  
Congratulations to Nicola and Stuart Bennie, daughter and son-in-law of Joe and Christine Stoneman, on the birth of their son William George on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Nicky Craig

### Jonathan Paul Clatworthy Edwards

A Thanksgiving service for the life of Jonathan Clatworthy Edwards, 43, who died on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, was held at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. It followed cremation at Exeter Crematorium attended by close family, but it was standing room only at St. Andrew's as 160 of Jon's family, friends, neighbours and well-wishers stood shoulder to shoulder to hear tributes from Dan Harris, James Rutherford, Duncan Coventry and Jon's widow, Charlie Clatworthy Edwards. The service was conducted by the Rev'd Nick Weldon, who also gave an Address, highlighting Jon's parenting skills and his devotion to his family, his wife Charlie and his three children, Bill, Ralph and Eliza. Prayers were said by the Rev'd Rita Bullworthy and the choir sang 'God be in my head'. The hymns were *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God* and *Jerusalem*. The congregation was invited to the Village Hall afterwards where a splendid tea was available. The family thanked all who attended for their prayers and support.

Donations made in Jon's memory will be given to MIND and Water Aid.

### Whist Drives

At

### Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

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

### Pause for thought

Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as Advocate to plead,  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live,  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.

### Friends of North Tawton Surgery

Dates for 2019:

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

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<b>St. Mary's</b> Honeychurch	Mr. Ray Squire (851627)	Mr. Richard Weeks (851269)

*(All numbers are 01837 numbers unless otherwise stated)*

**SERVICES at St. Andrew's Church**  
**Sampford Courtenay**

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

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

1st Sunday	11 a.m. Morning Worship
2nd Sunday	11 a.m. Informal Communion 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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	11 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
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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

### FUNERAL

Monday 3rd June	Joan CURLEY (86)	St. Peter's Church
Thursday 6th June	Barbara JOHNSON (87)	St. Andrew's Church
Friday 14th June	Jonathan CLATWORTHY EDWARDS (43)	St. Andrew's Church

### WEDDING

Saturday 25th May	Aaron DIXSON and Natasha QUICK	St. Peter's Church
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### Bondleigh

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July 14th / 21st Trish Peters  
July 28th / Aug 4th Margaret Bridgman  
August 11th / 18th Christine Tenholter  
August 25th Jacqui Bourne

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

July 7th / 14th Annette Ponsford  
July 21st Anita Lamey  
July 28th No Service  
August 4th / 11th Lindsay Gibb  
I.M.O. Jean Selman  
August 18th Wedding Flowers  
August 25th Monica Simons

#### Brass

July Mary Fry  
August Frances Brookes

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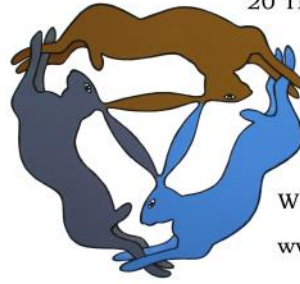
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