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## From The Rectory

### **Come ye thankful people come**

My annual marathon of Harvest services begins in just a few days time at Bondleigh with their service and Cider buffet. Then it will be Sampford Courtenay on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, North Tawton and Honeychurch on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and a final traditional Harvest Evensong in North Tawton on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. (Details of all these services are in this issue). The whole celebration takes about a month for me. I'll be "ploughed and scattered" by mid October.

Besides Harvest, there are a number of other events this autumn that are getting the residents of the Rectory excited. We all can't wait for Jesus Christ Superstar. Samuel and I are both in it, and the girls are looking forward to seeing it. (Again, details in this issue about this exciting production in St. Peter's Church). Then there are the various regular autumn excitements that my whole household usually enjoys.... bonfires/fireworks, Okehampton/Hatherleigh Carnivals (depending on which one gets the drier evening) and Strictly. Yes – we quite like Strictly. It is perfect Saturday evening viewing, and probably the only thing we all watch together. But I confess, as the latest series gets underway, I've been a little reluctant to join the sequined bandwagon this time. It seems to come round quicker each year. Maybe I've got Strictly fatigue? Maybe it's because there is something else this autumn that I am far more excited about... yes... the Rugby World Cup!

Trying very hard to resist the urge to fill the rest of this article with England rugby related punditry (I'm sure you'd all be fascinated to know my opinion as to whether Owen Farrell should play fly half or inside centre), there are some depressing things to be noted this autumn as well. The nights are drawing in, Poldark has finished (Mrs. Weldon is very sad about that – I wonder why?), and Brexit refuses to stop getting more exasperating by the week. When will it ever go away? Please make it stop! Brexit D-Day is of course approaching at the end of October, assuming there is not an extension to the deadline, but even if we do leave the European Union at Halloween, the issues surrounding Brexit will surely plague us for years to come. Having covered the subject extensively at times in this publication, I can't face writing about it any further, you may be glad to read. So, back to Harvest, and the subject of thanksgiving.

"Come ye thankful people come" we often sing at Harvest services, and if there is one thing we tend to be good at in rural Devon it is saying "thank you" especially

when someone pulls into the hedge on a narrow lane to let you pass. There is the odd exception of course (parcel delivery vans) but most people in these parts give you a friendly wave as they pass whilst you excavate the bank with your left wing-mirror. I think it's what contributes to that sense that Devon people are friendly people. Nevertheless, as we rejoice again at this time for the Harvest, I think we would all do well to cultivate a deeper attitude of thankfulness to last throughout the whole year.

In a world where people are obsessed with their grievances and rights and identities, thankfulness begins with an attitude that "it's not all about me." I realise not everyone is going to come in thankfulness to God for the ways in which he has sort to bless. Some simply do not believe in him, and so one presumes they have no one to thank but themselves when things go well in life. Yes – atheism is ultimately worship of self, not just mere unbelief. But for many others, those who might not call themselves Christians or regularly engage in Christian worship, that sense in their hearts that there is someone out there who has sought to bless them is very clear. They "count their blessings" and so they should, because "Someone" has blessed us all abundantly, and Harvest is great time to recognise that. There but by the grace of God.... etc.

Of course, I believe that that "Someone" has got a name and is actually knowable, and the fullest blessing in life comes from both getting to know him and being known by him through Jesus. Nevertheless, having the attitude of heart that is at least open to the Almighty and thankful for his blessings is surely the better way. Think about it for a moment. As we look across harvested fields already being drilled for next year's harvest, as we pick blackberries, stew apples, and drink cider, whatever grievances we may have, to be alive in Devon in 2019 is to be blessed with so much... healthcare, security, fresh air, freedom, education, sport, wildlife, landscape, seascape, culture, and an abundance of locally produced food.

Some of the above might be less available or more expensive for a time after Br..... (oops! I nearly said it again!) But maybe some scarcity and a touch of vulnerability might actually be good for us. It might make us more thankful for what we have been blessed with and perhaps under-appreciate. So this Harvest time... come ye thankful people come. And, come on England!

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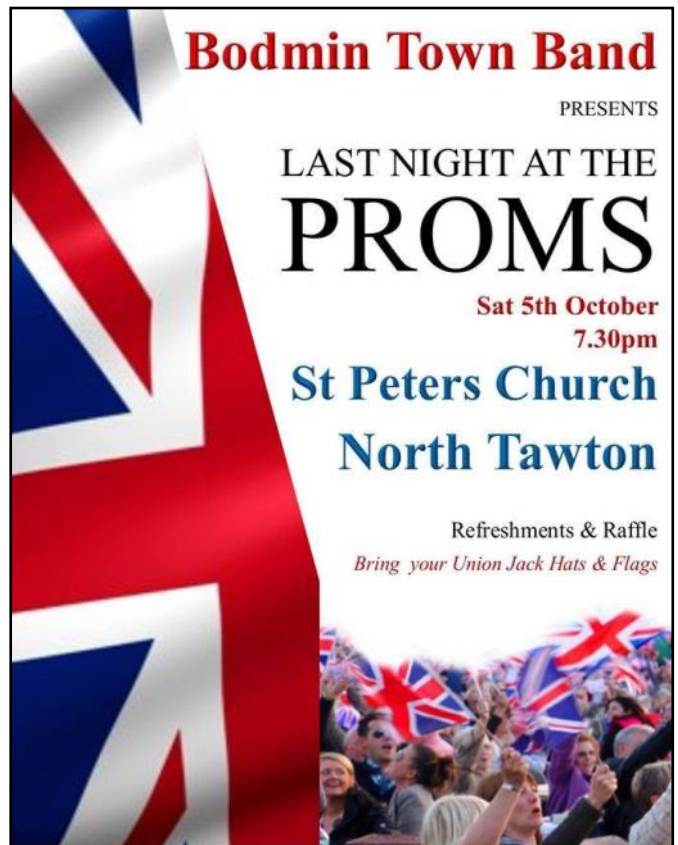
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### Highways issues.

The Strategic Highways Authority is Devon Highways (Devon County Council). It controls all aspects of managing highways, street parking, is also responsible for safety of the highways which include speeding restrictions and, if necessary, restricting HGV use. Currently, the enforcement of car parking is ceded to West Devon Borough Council.

North Tawton Town Council has therefore, very limited powers under the terms of the Highways Acts, Road Traffic Regulations and Parish Councils Acts as follows-

- Power to maintain footpaths and bridleways
- Power to light roads and public places
- Power to enter into agreement re dedication and widening
- Power to complain to the Highway Authority re unlawful stopping, obstruction of highway or unlawful encroachment on roadside wastes
- Power to plant trees and layout grass verges
- Give consent to end maintenance of highways at public expense, or for stopping up or division of highway.
- Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles
- Power to provide traffic signs and other notices
- Power to provide seats and shelters.

### Parking and Traffic Working Group

Working within the parameters of these regulations, the Town Council Parking and Traffic Group is currently working closely with Devon Highways to –

- Review street parking provision
- Examine options with regard to HGV ingress through the town
- Conduct a Traffic Survey Audit with a view to the introduction of an automated Speeding Warning device and relocation of the 30 m.p.h. sign at the Batheway Estate and speed limit review.
- Review public transport provision.

With regard to HGV monitoring, during the month of October, residents are asked to e-mail or telephone the clerk with the following details regarding passage of HGV's through the town –

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It is also concerning that Lloyds Mobile Bank has been unable to park in its allotted space in the Orchard Street car park for the last two weeks.

### Dog Fouling

Yet again, the Council is receiving a significant number of complaints about dog fouling. Recent offences under the Ant-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 include fouling within St. Peter's Churchyard, High Street, Exeter Street and Market Street. Dog owners are reminded that the Warden who regularly visits the town has powers to impose an "on-the-spot" fine of £80 and refusal to pay can lead to a fine of £1,000 by the local Magistrates Court.

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### Plastic Waste Collection.

West Devon Borough Councils new "kerb-side" arrangements for plastic waste collection mean that the Council's award-winning scheme for collection on the third Saturday of the month will finish after the November collection. Both Councils wish to thank all volunteers for their time and assistance in making the scheme so successful.

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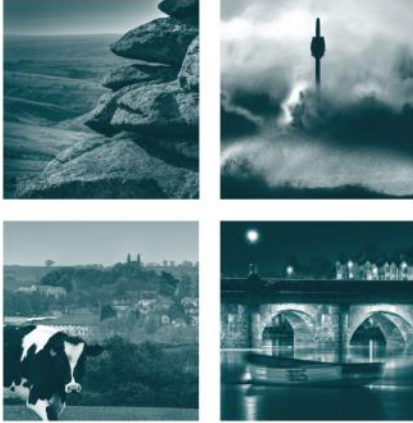
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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

Husband has a smile on his face. He has a little spring in his step too. Could this be anything to do with the magical effect I have on his existence? Sadly no. The real reason for the smiley face and the lightness of tread is – spuds. A very satisfying crop of spuds. At any moment during any conversation he will suddenly remind me that “there’ll be no potato famine at this address”. He’s fair bursting with pride. Never mind all the Brexit skulduggery and shenanigans – the Knotts have spuds – and life is good.

And now for a rather tenuous link between the humble spud and our September speaker – Lady Katherine Champernowne. What an entrance. It was as if we’d slipped through a W.I. time warp and popped up in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century. In walked Rosemary Griggs resplendent in full costume as Lady Katherine – and as we were to learn – she would become Sir Walter Raleigh’s mother. He of the famous line ‘I’ve discovered the potato and I predict that one day a true Devon boy will be jolly grateful that I did’. Rosemary not only dresses as Lady Katherine but she also talks in Tudor style and she is to be found at Bradley Manor and Compton Castle supporting the National Trust as a Costumed History Interpreter. Having set the scene, Lady Katherine gave us a peep into her wardrobe. Describing – and showing us – the various layers that make up her outfit. From the beautiful silk over gown to a vivid red silk underskirt, and down to her ‘farthingale’ or hooped skirt worn to give shape to a dress.

A ‘bum roll’ – rather like a bustle – was also used to add shape, with the ‘shift’ [petticoat with arms] as the last layer, worn next to the skin and therefore the only item that was ever washed. Above knee socks or ‘hose’ were worn on the legs, finishing off with a pair of square toed shoes which, as Rosemary confessed, look like flippers but are actually quite comfy. Oh, and don’t forget your ‘busk’ – the piece of split willow that went down the front of your dress to make you look ‘flat’ as per the fashion at the time.

Rosemary went on to explain that the ‘Sumptuary Laws’ were used to ensure that people dressed appropriately and according to their status, with potential penalties for wearing the wrong clothing. Husband is muttering that there should have been a Sumptuary Law against wearing a shell suit back in the eighties. How do I tell him? Yes, I wore one – it was really comfy.

You could have knocked us all down with a busk when Rosemary then told us that she makes all her costumes – and she has several. She has done a huge amount of research in order to make them as authentic as possible and described the process as “more like engineering than dressmaking”. What could we say other than “thy raiment is beauteous” – or for those not up to speed with the Tudor language “your clothes are beautiful”.

Time for tea and a choccy biscuit.

And a canter through an ever-growing list of events and things to do. Coach trips to Widecombe Fair and Wells, an evening at John Lewis [naughty choccy and Prosecco tastings compulsory] and a healthy eating themed visit to Waitrose – an antidote to what we’ll be eating and drinking at John Lewis. With the subject well and truly revolving around food it seems only fitting that we’re thinking of putting together a book of our best loved recipes. A little voice is whispering ‘jam roly poly’. Proper comfort food. With custard. And cream. And if you’ve got a bit of vanilla ice cream in the freezer stick that on as well. Husband has got a big smile on his face.

*Sue Knott*



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### Saturday 5 Oct 09:30-12:30 – Okehampton Fun Palace

Fun Palaces is an annual weekend of action including arts, science, craft and tech activities. Have a go at the following activities which people from our community are sharing with you for free.

**Crochet      Embroidery      Ukelele**

### LIBRARIES WEEK 7 - 12 October :

#### A National Celebration of Libraries

Look out for our *Pop-Up Library* around the town during libraries week; there will be free books, subject to availability.

### Wednesday 9 October 14:00-16:00 :

#### *Celebrating Libraries in a Digital World*

Struggling with your hand held device - bring it into the library for staff to assist you. Take the opportunity to find out about the digital services that Devon Libraries has to offer.

The library will also be open for all customers to browse and use our usual services. Coffee and homemade cake will be provided by the Friends of Okehampton Library. Free, but donations welcome.

During Libraries Week we will be welcoming a class from South Tawton Primary School to show them around the library. Other schools are welcome to contact us to arrange a visit during their term times.

### Thursday 24 October 10:00–11:00 :

#### *Make a Mad Money Box*

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### Thursday 31 October 15:30–16:30 :

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**1st Tuesday of the month 15:45–16:45**

**Bookworms Book Club for ages 7 – 11** (except Aug/Sept) Free - no booking necessary.

**Wednesdays 09:30–10:15**

**Duplo Builders & Storytime for ages 0-5**

Free - no booking necessary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 15:45-16:45**

**Bunala Book Club for ages 12+**

Free - ask staff for further details.

**Saturdays 10:30–11:30 Lego Builders for ages 5+**

Free, no booking necessary.

**Book Track for ages 6+** during library opening hours.

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**Children under 8 must be accompanied to all events by a responsible adult.**

**Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library services.**

[www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk)

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09:00-18:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09:00-13:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09:00-17:00</b>
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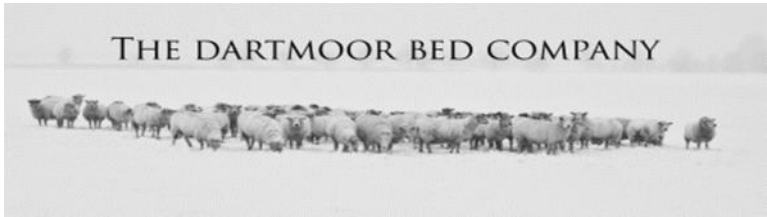
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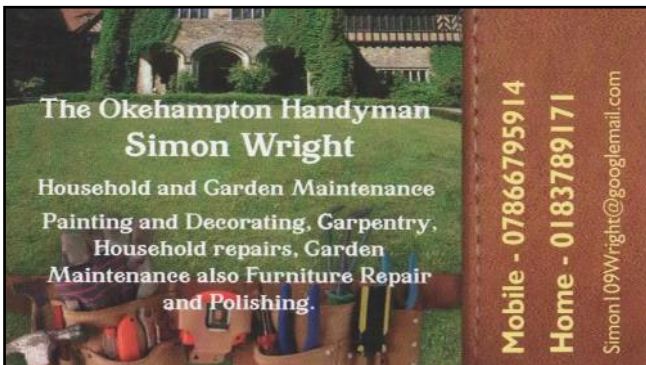
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## News from the Castle

Hi everyone

What a summer it has been at Castle Drogo. The 'what's the story' trail in the grounds has been a big hit with lots of families taking part. I have really enjoyed watching visitors staring open-mouthed at the scaffold removal with huge cranes moving sections around. It is such a joy to see the building emerging from its cocoon. It is looking spectacular and it really feels like we are on the home stretch now.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the outdoor theatre performance of 'Private Lives'. Dartmoor gave us a reminder of who's in charge by throwing down significant amounts of water on the gathered 280 audience members. A huge well done to anyone who managed to stay for the whole performance!

News from the estate is that the ranger team plans to start some limited clearance work in preparation for the fencing in September. They expect that the fencing itself will be installed in October, and the ponies will be going in soon after. You might also notice other changes such as the provision of drinking areas for the animals.

Coming up in October, we have a 'take-over' of the castle by local primary school children which promises to be lots of fun. There will also be a half term trail all about bats! Finally, I just wanted to mention that the castle will be open 7 days a week right through until Sunday 27 October before closing to enable us to get ready for Christmas which will be back in the castle this year. I promise to tell you more next month.

Best wishes

**Paula**

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

# COFFEE MORNING

Lakeway United Church

10:00am - 11:30am

Saturday 2nd November

Help support a life-changing trip to Costa Rica, where I'll help potentially endangered species of the country's incredible flora & fauna as well as helping the construction of schools, homes and medical centres in communities left behind by Costa Rica's economic growth.

### SAM'S COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2019  
LAKEWAY UNITED CHURCH

Please support my Grandson in his voluntary work in Costa Rica next year. I have arranged this Coffee Morning to help him raise the necessary funding he needs to allow him to take part in the project. See his advertisement. Sam and his parents will be at the event to answer any questions.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council



Full minutes can be viewed on our website [www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk](http://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 September 2019

- 1. Road Safety Action Plan** – parishioners are reminded to notify the Clerk if they witness any near misses/accidents on the roads in the parish to add to the list as evidence to use in the Road Safety Action Plan.
- 2. [Sampford Courtenay Priorities](#)** – Cllr. Wilson gave an update of SCPC position on priorities arising from the Parish Survey. This is available to view or download on the Website.
- 3. Autumn Open Meeting – Tues 29<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30 p.m. at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall** – come and hear a full up-date of the priorities above and news of the Financial and Budget proposals for the coming year. Together with contributions from WDBC Planning Dept and an explanation of the new Recycling Scheme.
- 4. Airband Meeting** – Cllr. Carpenter arranged a meeting with Airband and approx. 15 parishioners at which 10 people signed up for a survey on their property to see if Airband could guarantee them faster and cheaper broadband coverage. Hopefully, with 10 signatures this could also result in Free Broadband for the Village Hall
- 5. Parish Outing to Tiverton Canal** -15 parishioners enjoyed a lovely afternoon out to Tiverton and a ride on the horse drawn barge. SCPC try to support the Okehampton and District Transport Group whenever they can, and want to advertise the fantastic door to door service for anyone in the area – it is not just for the sick or the elderly.
- 6. [30 Days and 30 Ways](#)** – Have you been following the 30 days 30 ways campaign during September? If so, have a go at our competition and come to the Open Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October to see if you have won the prize.
- 7. [Parish Thanks and Recognition Register](#)** – the 5<sup>th</sup> Certificate has been awarded to Sandra Harper, Marion Pratt and Bill Robertson for organising a very successful Flower Show. Over £800 profit was made to share equally between the Village Hall and the Parish Defibrillator Fund.
8. 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 Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – there will be no meeting in November unless any Planning Applications arise.

Venue	Date
SCPC Meeting – Village Hall	Tues 1st Oct – 7.30 p.m.
Talk on Australia – Village Hall	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.
Diving for Pearls – Village Hall	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.
Jesus Christ Superstar – NT Church	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.

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AGM. Creative Workshop  
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For more information contact the Chairman,  
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### Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

<http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>

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5th October – 7.30 p.m.

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12th October – Diving for Pearls, 7.30 p.m..

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

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7th March – Big Breakfast.

28th March – Exbourne Community Choir.

8th, 9th, 10th May V.E. Day celebrations (details to come)

26th June – Summer Ball.

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

The latest meeting took place in Sampford Courtenay village hall on Thursday September 5th. Everyone was welcome and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Alex Leger, who gave a very interesting and enlightening presentation about 'Climate Change in the Solomon Isles'. He showed slides and films of when he first visited the islands in 1966 and then showed how many of the islands had disappeared in recent visits due to global warming and the rising of the Pacific Ocean. He was thanked by Sally Kenealy. A report was given by Anne Leaman about a DFWI visit to the Plymouth Barbican and a report by Shirley Reddaway about the outing by members on a lovely day in August to the South Devon Railway, organised by Anne Leaman. Because of circumstances the lunch at the Tom Copley on September 12th was postponed. The next walk is on September 27th at Eggesford. More arrangements were made for the Soup and Pud event on October 19th.

Ann Langworthy said the skittles start again in October with fewer teams. Some suggestions were made about speakers for next year. Competition winner was Gillian Townsend Green and the winner of the FOM was Shirley Reddaway.

The next meeting is in Exbourne village hall on Thursday October 3rd when the speaker will be Jo Hunter talking on 'Crafting Polymer Clay Beaded Keyrings'.

*Margaret Weeks*

**The Royal British Legion**

The North Tawton Royal British Legion branch will be holding their AGM on the Wednesday 2nd October 7.30 p.m. at the White Hart, North Tawton.

All are welcome

**The Royal British Legion**

A date for your diaries.

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*Barry Ware*

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Speaker - Mr. C. Drew,  
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**THANK YOU**

Lorna would like to thank all who attended the Friends of North Tawton Surgery coffee morning and all who ran stalls.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay

Sampford Courtenay and Honeychurch Flower and Produce Show was held in the village hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. A big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in making this year's show a great success, raising over £700 to be shared equally between the village hall and the parish defibrillator. This year's trophy winners were as follows:

Vegetables - Piper Cup 1<sup>st</sup>: Bill Robertson 43; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Veronica Matthews 31; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bridget Grindley 14  
Homecraft - President's Cup 1<sup>st</sup>: Jeanette Baker 11; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michele Wilson 10; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Veronica Matthews & Marion Pratt 8.  
Fruit - Hawking Bowl 1<sup>st</sup>: Rod Levick 12; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bridget Grindley 7; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Veronica Matthews 5.  
Flowers Cup 1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica Matthews 28; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michele Wilson 22; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Marion Pratt 12.  
Produce Cup 1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica Matthews 29; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Christine Stoneman 23; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Michele Wilson 15.  
Welcome Cup- First Time Entrants 1<sup>st</sup>: Mike & Julie Carpenter 14; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack Dennis 14; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Beth & Autumn Slatterley.  
Leonard Horn Memorial Plate Longest Runner Bean 1<sup>st</sup>: Maureen Horn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Robertson; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Susan Robertson.  
Dornaford Cup Best Chicken Eggs in Show 1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica Matthews.  
Children under 16 Shield 1<sup>st</sup>: Finn Cornley; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Isabelle Massie; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ollie Massie.  
Children under 12 Shield 1<sup>st</sup>: Felix Cornley  
Children under 8 Shield 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Dennis; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Louis & Billy Evans.  
Christine Marsh Trophy Overall Points under 16 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Dennis; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Louie & Billy Evans; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Felix Cornley.  
Robertson Plate Best Exhibit in Show 1<sup>st</sup>: Bridget Grindley - Cherry Tomatoes on the vine  
Cleverdon Memorial Cup Overall Points winner 1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica Matthews 101; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michele Wilson 47;  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Bill Robertson 45.

No of entries - 529, Entrants -57 (Last year 460 entries 54 entrants ) First time entrants -17 ( Last year 13 }

Winners of the Special Classes were as follows;

Scarecrow: 1<sup>st</sup> Fishing Gnome, Mike and Julie Carpenter 76 votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grease Monkey, Gary Bracket 64 votes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paddington Bear, Slatterly family 37 votes. Winner of the prize draw for all those who entered a scarecrow judging sheet - Sandra Harper.

Tallest Sunflower: 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Collins: 3.10m; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shirley Reddaway 2.05m; 3<sup>rd</sup> Marion Pratt : 1.95m.

Heaviest Crop from single seed potato in a bucket: Barbara Smith 2.853kg.

Thanks to Robert Pyle for auctioning off spare produce at the end of the show and the President Christine Marsh for presenting the trophies, plus the band of helpers, exhibitors, judges and those who made generous donations of money or prizes to make it all possible.

Next year's show will be on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020.

Nicky Craig

## Samaritan's Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoebbox Appeal

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St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay  
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Danny Semorad

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North Tawton Primary School



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the parish of North Tawton, as the new Executive Headteacher of your village's local primary school. Having been appointed to the post within the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust in March this year, I have been lucky enough to be able to spend some time at North Tawton, South Tawton and Chagford CE Primary Schools during the summer term, getting to know the children, the staff and systems in each school. I now make an official start to my role and am excited about the future.

The primary schools mentioned are collectively known within the Trust as the "Three Hares" and together our children and staff will benefit from the larger numbers of staff available to share knowledge, good practice and skills across our group. In addition, we look forward to varied activities taking place, during which children from across the schools can work together, ultimately enhancing their learning and developing wider partnerships with other pupils. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with some dynamic thinking to enhance the teaching and learning in this wonderful school.

I am hopeful that members of the parish will be keen to work in partnership with the school for mutual benefit. Together, with your support, we can deliver an enriched curriculum that will be vibrant, relevant and matched to our children's needs. I am passionate about ensuring that children leave primary school having enjoyed a journey full of rich, memorable learning experiences, as a foundation for secondary education, with the aim that they will become life-long learners. Classroom-based learning is only part of children's education; activities, clubs, visits and visitors beyond the classroom routine serve to enrich and enhance their learning. We need your input! If you have local knowledge, skills and talents that might benefit our children's learning journey, then we would like to hear from you.

The staff have been busy over the summer planning for this new school year which begins with a 'Three Hares' topic. This is a means for our children to learn more about their school, the community in which it sits and progressively, the wider areas surrounding our village as the children move up the age range. This is the perfect opportunity for us to engage with our local community.

Other 'school news' – I am delighted to say that with growing numbers in school, we have now expanded to include an extra class, so that all of our children are now learning within single age classes. I have been overwhelmed by the willingness of the staff to go 'above and beyond' to ensure that their classrooms were ready for the start of term. They really are a super team.

We are keen to continue the work that has started to upgrade and improve our school's environment, both inside and out. More news about this as the year progresses.

As the term unfolds, I hope to have the opportunity for the community to put a 'face to a name' and for us to meet in person. Together with Head of School, Miss Chauhan, the staff and Academy Committee, I am working hard to ensure that North Tawton Primary School pushes the boundaries of its potential and we will keep you informed of our progress. I look forward to working with you in the future.

With kindest regards

Mrs. Elizabeth Underwood, Executive Headteacher

#### **A statement from Tony Bayley, Sub Postmaster North Tawton Post Office:**

The decision no longer to sell newspapers and magazines was not taken lightly, and I was fully aware of the impact and inconvenience this would have on some of our customers. The truth is that it has been losing money for over 18 months and was completely unsustainable, therefore the decision was taken after our suppliers, Smiths, increased their delivery charges out of all proportion. To this end I had no alternative. I genuinely apologise for this action that had to be taken. I no longer have the benefit of a healthy salary that previous owners had from the Post Office, as the Post Office has changed the payment structure to commission only, therefore the survival of North Tawton Post Office solely depends on our customers using our vast range of services and quality retail products.

Our manageress, June Savage, and her colleagues have worked tirelessly to refurbish the shop and introduce new lines that are not available elsewhere in the town and really deserve the town's support. Furthermore from 31st October, the Royal Mail will no longer be using North Tawton as a delivery centre. This has resulted in the loss of £12,500 per annum and in addition to this Royal Mail were intending that any letter or parcel that was not able to be delivered would have to be collected from Okehampton. Realising what a serious, highly inconvenient impact this would have on our customers, I had a meeting with the Royal Mail manager and Divisional manager and managed to secure North Tawton Post Office as a collection point for undelivered mail items.

As I'm sure many of you are aware 2000 - 2500 post offices will close in the next 6 months, due to businesses no longer being financially viable. 17 post offices in West and South Devon have closed in the first eight months of this year. I do not wish North Tawton to be added to this growing list. The long term future lies in the hands of the good people of North Tawton and I urge you to support June and her staff.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Kind regards, Tony Bayley



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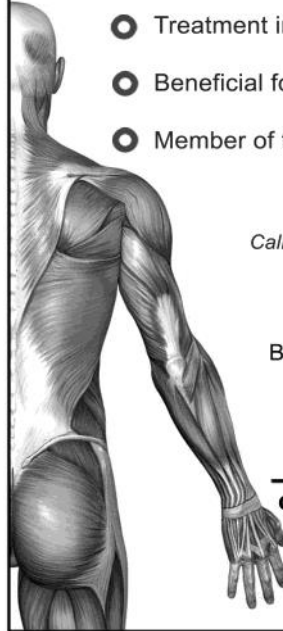
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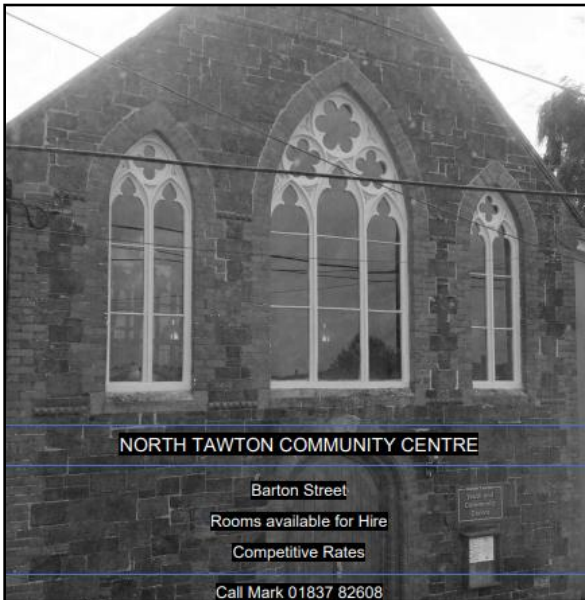
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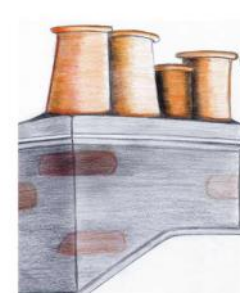
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Leaflets giving details of what can and what cannot be put into the boxes will be in all four churches in the Benefice at the beginning of October. It is vital that you follow the instructions on the leaflet to avoid an otherwise great deal of time by volunteers sorting them out! Certain things cannot be sent because of import and export regulations, most particularly this year **no toothpaste or sweets**. A few Do's and Don'ts :

**Do:**

- Secure the box with 2 elastic bands - not ribbon or string
- Remove the price tags
- Make sure all gifts are brand new
- Include a major toy
- Indicate the age and gender of the child
- Include £5 to cover delivery costs
- Read the instructions

**Don't:**

- Cover the boxes right over after filling
- Wrap contents individually
- No scissors, toothpaste, sweets, liquids, toy guns etc
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- Only half fill the box

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

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 3rd Sunday 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
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October	M. Pyle
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### Bondleigh

October 6th / 13th	Jane Semorad
October 20th / 27th	Carole Rhodes
November 3rd/10th	Rose Smith
November 17th/24th	Caroline Stokes

### North Tawton

#### *Flowers*

October 6th//13th Harvest  
 October 20th Harvest  
 October 27th/Nov 3rd Grace Hayman  
 November 10th/17th Royal British Legion  
 November 24th/Dec 1st Lorna Dawe  
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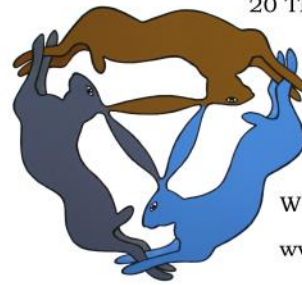
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