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# From The Rectory

## The crux of Christmas

What spells Christmas to you...? the key festive feature that you just will not do without again this year? Maybe it's all the family gathered around the tree, mountains of food, mulled wine or mince pies. Maybe it's a trip to the panto or a Christmas market, a midnight church service or Carols from Kings. Maybe it's a quiet few days off work at the end of another long year. What's the crux of Christmas for you?

The context of Christmas in the UK this year will inevitably be the build up towards and the aftermath of the general election. We go to the polls on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The context of the first Christmas in Palestine was not an election, but another big political event.

As Luke writes in his account of Jesus' birth, "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world." (Luke 2:1) He notes that a man called Quirinius was governor of Syria at the time, and that Joseph needed to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in order to register with his pregnant fiancé, because that was where his family were from. So apart from showing the reason why Mary ended up giving birth in Bethlehem, in line with ancient prophecy, the census seems like a bit of a side issue in the Nativity. Yet every time Luke's gospel is read at a carol service, the census is mentioned. I don't remember ever seeing Caesar Augustus or Governor Quirinius featuring heavily in a nativity play. And no one remembers the census now. I wonder what it showed?

My hunch is that in 100 years time people will have long forgotten about the outcome of this Christmas election too. I suppose Brexit will be remembered, and studied, probably as a shining example of a poorly handled political crisis. But who wins on 12<sup>th</sup> December, and by how much, will be a short footnote in the history of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain, much like the Roman census at the time of Christ's birth. Context is always important, but events and personalities usually take precedence. It's the Christ of Christmas that is the crux of Christmas, not the context either then or now.

As I write this in the second week of November, commercial Christmas is well underway. Yet again, marketing departments everywhere decided that as soon as we lost interest in Halloween (at about 7.31pm on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct) we all now must be interested in Christmas, and desperate to spend. We have to be! Aren't you? Why have you not bought your plastic-free, LED, organic, flashing baubles yet? Like many people I've got a bit of love/hate relationship with commercial Christmas. It's nice to see lights going up everywhere, especially as the dark evenings get darker. There are usually one or two Christmas adverts on TV that are touchingly beautiful or genuinely amusing, amongst the many annoying ones. I don't mind the jangly music played

endlessly in shops (as long as it's the unedited version of Fairytale of New York). And what's not to like about a Christmas carol and a Christmas market? But commercial Christmas is not the crux of Christmas. Commercial Christmas is credit-card Christmas – consumer Christmas. The crux of Christmas is Christ.

Okay – so you can see where this is going, and I've just thought of another two more C's. (Maybe you can think of few. Let me know). Culinary Christmas is not the crux of Christmas either. Christmas dinner may be the much-loved centrepiece of your family Christmas. It certainly will be for mine. In fact with in-laws to visit, and local events here, I usually end up having four or five Christmas dinners throughout late December. This is great, because I can have turkey for most of them and beef for another. I've never had a year when I've needed to resort to the nut-roast option for the sake of variety, but there's always a first. Let's face it though... the foodie indulgence at this time of year is off the scale these days. Apparently most supermarket home delivery slots for the week running up to Christmas Day get snapped up within minutes of going live online. They went live weeks ago, so you are far too late if you still want one. A pre-ordered turkey from a local farm shop can easily cost over £100 these days. That's one item of food worth the same as a week's food for a family of five in the UK, or a month's food for a family in many other parts of the world. The supermarkets will be open again on 27<sup>th</sup> December, so do we really need to stack our trolleys that high? No - don't let culinary Christmas stuff your Christmas. Leave room for the Christ of Christmas.

The final C is the crisis of Christmas. There is nothing like the pressure of Christmas to reveal the cracks in life. Perhaps it is the memory of past happier Christmases when everyone got on better, and a long-lost loved-one was still around. Many a Christmas is spent in hospital, or working, or alone, or dealing with some crisis. Some use Christmas to fend off a crisis too – a few days spent in wine-soaked denial – only for the crisis to return in the New Year. Well, when Christ came at Christmas he was born not into happy, healthy, perfection or privilege. He came as God into the reality of life in all its ups and downs, to redeem it and remake it. He alone is the crux of Christmas. So please leave some room under the tree for Him.

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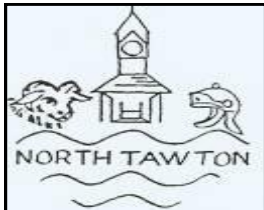
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Regardless of this, the fixing of this notice fits precisely into the legal definition of criminal damage. If anyone has information as to the person who committed this criminal act, please would you inform the Council? The Council is considering what action should be taken in respect of this issue – our residents are entitled to be protected and governed by the laws of the land, and not be subject to acts of ill-informed vigilantism by persons who decide to take the law into their own hands.

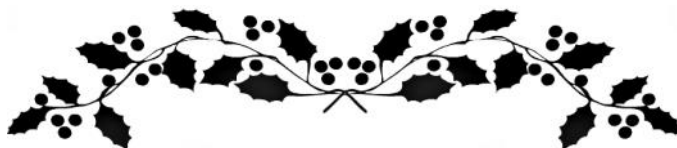
### North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan

We are pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Plan has now completed the Examination Stage of the process. The Examiner made some recommendations about policy wording and maps, as well as a couple of statements we need to include in the plan. However on the whole the Plan was well received and subject to the recommendations being accepted, the Plan meets the basic conditions as defined in the Localism Act 2011. This means that once we have made the required changes the Plan can be submitted to a referendum. This is a huge sigh of relief and means that all the years of hard work by several Councillors and members of the public will finally result in (hopefully) an adopted Plan for the residents of North Tawton.

Of course, as with any formal process, there are still procedures to go through with West Devon Borough Council before residents can vote on the Plan at Referendum. This is likely to be in January or February – we will keep you posted of timescales and process.

Thank you for your patience!

**The Council would like to take this opportunity to wish  
all residents and visitors a  
Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**



Sarah Say, Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

Stephen Webb, Assistant Clerk to North Tawton Town Council

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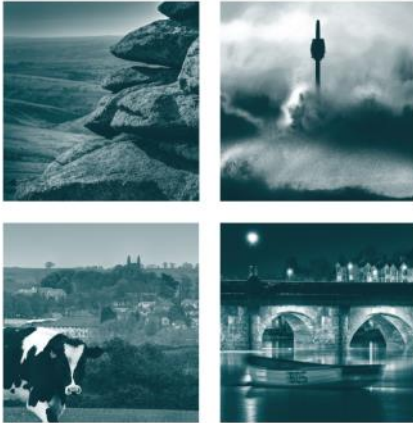
At its last Committee meeting, members of the Den Brook Community Fund voted to award grants totalling almost £32,200 to nine organisations spread across all five eligible parishes, to support them in realising exciting project proposals. In every case, it was recognised that the project would help the organisation to achieve the next stage in the development of their core activities.

Grant recipients included two scout groups, a recreation ground association, a village trust, a gardening club, an athletic club, a historical society, newsletter group and a community centre. In addition to providing development funds for the improvement of cultural and sporting facilities, two of the larger projects assisted with stage payments to help facilitate the refurbishment of buildings.

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## **North Tawton Afternoon W.I.**

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

Husband is feeling 'housey'. I've just had to add housey to my laptop dictionary as it didn't recognise the word. Husband says the weather is to blame. He's just looked out of the front of the house and has announced that it's raining. He's now on his way through the hallway and the kitchen to look out of the back windows to tell me that it's raining there too. All this rain has led to the diagnosis of feeling housey. And he has a cold. The combination of houseyness and a head cold is tricky. I've long suggested that he could do with an indoor hobby and this is always met with a look that says 'if you think that an Airfix model kit is going to help you are sadly mistaken'. So, he's going out to the shed. In other words, he's going to stand in the shed and look at things. Things that he's put in assorted margarine tubs. Things that when questioned as to why he wants to keep them he will reply 'because it might come in handy'. I'm not too sure that they ever have.

Our November speaker was Ros Fry – Ros is a Community Legacy Manager with Cancer Research UK and part of her remit is to give talks about their latest research and the impact that leaving a gift in a Will can have. If any of us thought that this topic was going to be serious and difficult to listen to, we were proved wrong. Ros had brought her glamorous assistant Andy (Ros's words not mine) along to help and between them they gave an entertaining, interactive and factual presentation packed with interesting statistics. It was reassuring to hear that 82p out of every £1 donated to CRUK goes directly into funding research and that over the last 40 years cancer survival rates in the UK have doubled. Back in the 1970's just a quarter of people survived – today that figure is a half.

Ros went on to tell us about how personalised medicine is so important – people with the same cancer can have different forms of the disease so responses to treatment can vary - and cancers growing in different parts of the body may also share the same genetic faults so respond to similar treatments. Scientists are therefore looking into developing new drug treatments that target specific genetic faults and designing more efficient clinical trials.

Apart from putting money into collection tins and taking goods to CRUK's charity shops, funds are also raised by leaving gifts in Wills – this could be a percentage of an estate, a specific amount or even items such as jewellery, paintings or books. Ros and Andy showed us a board with a range of different things that had been bequeathed and then auctioned specifically for CRUK. We then had to guess how much the individual items had raised. From a pair of Chinese vases to a collection of old model railway sets. And having just had a look around the CRUK website I was interested to see that back in 2009 a 'Handbag' auction was held which included bags donated by members of the public together with a number of bags donated by celebrities. What a brilliant and fun way to raise money! And Ros and Andy [the glamorous one] certainly showed us just how crucial CRUK's work is.

Did you know that we have a North Tawton W.I. Synchronised Swimming Team? Actually, we didn't know until we had our Awaie Day at The Waie Inn. There we were – splashing around in the pool, and suddenly the opportunity presented itself to record the moment for posterity. So I did. I have photographic evidence and I'm prepared to use it. Apart from forming beautiful patterns in the water we ate, drank, skittled and yoga'd. And you may think that we all went home and had an early night but you'd be wrong. Some of us dashed off to John Lewis for the pre-Christmas W.I. Lock-in. Was I prepared to spend, spend, spend? Yes, yes, yes. You want to know what I bought don't you? Towels. Thick, fluffy, green towels. I just couldn't help myself. Others probably bought perfume, a posh frock or two but I bought towels. I call that very restrained. Happy Christmas.

*Sue Knott*

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### Friends of Okehampton Library Christmas Quiz & Hamper Draw

Christmas Quiz's are available during December, £1 per entry, return completed entries by 3rd January. First prize £10 book token, Second prize £5 book token

Hamper Draw Tickets £1 each. Winner to be drawn 20th December.

### Wednesday 11th December 16:30

#### *'Boo to a Goose Theatre - Christmas Show'*

An interactive and multi-sensory show. Ages 2-8 and their families. A jolly old couple, with help from some cheeky elves and the Gingerbread Man, share their memories and stories, singalong songs and festive activities.

Tickets in advance, £5 per child. Under 2's free if accompanying an older sibling.

### Thursday 12th December 10:00 - 11:30

#### *Christmas Coffee Morning and Choir*

Come and join the staff for coffee and mince pies. For this festive occasion the school choirs of Exbourne and Bridestowe Primary will kindly be performing. Free, donations welcome.

### Calling All Young Volunteers!

Are you aged 14-19? Do you love reading? Would you like to help your local community? Why not help out in Okehampton Library on Saturday mornings? Collect an application form in branch.

### Regular events

#### Adults

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#### **1st Tuesday of the month 15:45 - 16:45**

**Bookworms Book Club** for ages 7 – 11  
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#### **2nd Tuesday of the month 15:45 -16:45**

**Lego Animation Club** for children aged 7+  
£1 per child, booking essential.

#### **Wednesdays 09:30 – 10:15**

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Free - no booking necessary.

#### **Saturdays 10:30–11:30**

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**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.**

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\* Christmas Day Family Service with Communion 11am

## St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay

\* Sun 1 December Christingle Service 9.30am  
Sun 22 December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6.30pm  
Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.30am

## St James' Bondleigh

Sun 15 December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 4pm  
Christmas Eve Late Night Communion 10pm

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## News from the Castle

Hi everyone,

It has been a real mixed bag for the last month of our main season. The low has been the recurring high winds which have arrived like clockwork every Friday in October. Drogo is on such an exposed site with lots of lovely trees that we need to be extremely careful about access on these high winds days. It also has an impact on the building work on the final sections too – frustrating for everyone.

The high over the past month has to be the amazing Takeover Day which took place with children from Okehampton Primary School. The children spent four weeks learning about the stories of Castle Drogo and what makes a great day out before sending the adults out of the way and welcoming lots of visitors to the Castle on Thursday 17th October. The children were just brilliant, and you may have seen them on BBC Spotlight. The Thursday volunteer team did an amazing job of encouraging the children to be brave and chat with people. The feedback from everyone has been wonderful so we plan to make this an annual event. It was just joyous.

News from the estate is that fencing is nearly completed in Rectory/Drewston woods near Drewsteignton - you may have seen the fenceline and new gates going in. Once we are happy the entire wood is properly fenced and water is not an issue we will be in a position to put some ponies into the wood. Once the ponies are in, please help us by encouraging people to keep their dogs under close control. I'm sure that nobody wants panicked ponies! We are always grateful for anyone who wants to keep an eye on them and let us know if they spot any issues.

We are also starting to put plans in place to thin the large Beech trees along the castle drive. These trees are very large and very close together and, being beech, are suffering from lots of damage by grey squirrels. We want to thin them to increase light levels to enable us to underplant with young trees, whilst allowing the remaining large trees room to spread. We are currently planning this work for winter 2020-2021. It won't be easy as the areas are small and the trees are large and we won't be shutting the castle when we do it. We hope that as much as possible of the good timber can go for high quality, long lived uses such as furniture.

Best wishes

**Paula**

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo  
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## CHRISTMAS IN BONDLEIGH

### **Carols & Curry Evening – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.**

Sculpture School, Bondleigh – Tickets £15.00.

Please contact Lin Warre on 01837 82089 email [lin@warre.plus.com](mailto:lin@warre.plus.com) no later than 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Coffee Morning - Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 a.m.** St. James' Church, Bondleigh. Come along to our beautifully decorated Church and catch up with friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a coffee and mince pie. Jill and Hazel will be selling a variety of Christmas floral decorations for your table, door etc. There will also be a produce stall and Christmas draw.

### **Carol Service – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 p.m.**

St. James' Church, Bondleigh. This very popular service, led by Rev'd Nick Weldon and accompanied by members of the Bondleigh Barn Band will be followed by refreshments.

### **Christmas Eve Communion Service – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10 p.m.**

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**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>

Notes from SCPC Nov 2019 – AUTUMN OPEN MEETING.

1. Chair Cllr. Michele Wilson welcomed Cllrs. Lois Samuel and Barry Ratcliffe from WDBC, Cllr. James McInness DCC, Dave Sexton –WDBC. Tony Watkins & Mark Trafford from Airband and 17 members of the public to our Autumn Open Meeting.
2. Cllr. Wilson and other councillors went on to up-date those present with progress against the Parish Priorities identified from the Parish Survey earlier this year.
  - a) Improved Internet Communication – Airband has surveyed several properties in the parish, and because of the up-take have offered free Broadband Connection at the Village Hall.
  - b) Road Safety Plan – Cllr. Wilson has put together a Road Safety Plan and will be speaking at the Highways Traffic Audit Committee on 5th November.
  - c) Improved Parish Communications – SCPC are still keen for parishioners to sign up with their email address on the Parish Website to get early notification of parish events direct to their inbox. There is also the parish Facebook page which can alert parishioners to road closures, bad weather etc. or help find lost ferrets.
  - d) Defibrillator Campaign – Cllr. Lois Samuel announced that she had approved our application for £500 from the Locality Fund which now gives us enough funds, with other fund raising during the year, to go ahead with arranging to lease a defibrillator for 4 years.
  - e) Improved Toilet Facilities – this will need major fund raising or Grant funding to bring the public toilets up to DDA compliance.
  - f) Increased Awareness of the Community Transport Scheme – SCPC organised one outing to Tiverton Canal for a ride on the horse drawn barge in the summer, via Okehampton Community Transport. If anyone has any suggestions for future parish outings, please let us know.
3. Cllr. Lois Samuel outlined the forthcoming changes to the Recycling Scheme. Look out for more details through your letter boxes, and on the Noticeboards and Facebook and Website.
4. Dave Sexton – gave a useful talk on Grants available to make your homes more fuel efficient. Again look out for more details on the Noticeboards, Facebook and Website pages.
5. Village Hall – Anthony Morris gave an up-date re the Village Hall and asked for volunteers from the parish and beyond to help with some of the basic maintenance that is required, and support for the various events they organise to help raise funds for major projects such as repairs/replacement of the roof. He also said that the committee would welcome younger members of the parish to become trustees on the committee.
6. St. Andrew's Church – Malcolm Craig gave an up-date re the church and listed several up-coming events. See list below.
7. During a break for refreshments parishioners were able to talk to the various guests.
8. Mid year Financial update and Precept – Cllr. Wilson gave a graphic explanation of current state of General and Ear marked Funds, and explained that due to 8 years of the Precept remaining the same or even being reduced, the Precept for 2020/21 would have to be increased just to cover the General Expenses due to inflation increases and statutory requirements e.g. Minimum wage etc. The setting of the precept will be part of the next meeting on Dec 3rd .
9. Any Other Business raised by Parishioners – several parishioners expressed concern regarding the roads around the parish. Cllr. McInness explained that DCC are currently running a "Doing what matters Project" which may be applicable for this.
10. 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.

**Village Events**

Venue	Date
Christingle Service: St. Andrew's Church	Sunday, 1st December, 9.30 a.m.
Church Bazaar Church Rooms	Saturday 7th December 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Carols at the New Inn	Tuesday 10th December 6.30 p.m.
Christmas Cheer: Village Hall—Come and meet Santa	Saturday 14th December, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Carol Singing round the Village (meet at bus shelter)	Friday 20th December 7p.m.
Candle Lit Carol Service: St. Andrew's Church	Sunday 22nd December 6.30 p.m.
Christmas Day Communion: St. Andrews Church	Wednesday 25th December 9.30 a.m.

**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: Tuesday December 3rd and Tuesday January 7th.**

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**18th December** – Christmas Bingo – 7 for 8 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.

Please visit the parish website

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### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club



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## Den Brook Community Fund (continued from Page 7)

This was the Committee's fourth "round" of grant allocations and over the past two years, the fund has been able to allocate funds totalling almost £112,000 to 19 different organisations, providing support towards a wide variety of projects. The projects have all, in one way or another, contributed to the seven community benefit objectives the Committee originally identified -

- a) Improve local physical health and mental well-being
- b) Promote the care and support of disadvantaged or vulnerable people
- c) Encourage and support voluntary activity, community spirit and participation through social, sporting and cultural activities.
- d) Improve local employment opportunities
- e) Produce deliverable benefits to local communities which provide a sustainable legacy over an extended period of time
- f) Provision of environmental benefits which contribute to energy efficiency initiatives
- g) Promote equality of opportunity through delivery of neutral, secular, and a-political outcomes

**Grant applications for new projects, which can help make a contribution to some of the objectives above, are invited from voluntary organisations, clubs and societies (based in the five parishes of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton and Zeal Monachorum) for the next "round" of grant awards. The closing date for this round is 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020.**

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### **Sampford Courtenay**

#### **VE DAY**

#### **Celebrations**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**2020**



We need you to:-

Put these dates in your diary!

Find any photos or memorabilia  
you may have of VE Day in  
Sampford Courtenay!

Volunteer to Sing, Dance or  
perform!

Help with refreshments!

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### **Sampford Courtenay VE DAY**

#### **Celebrations**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



#### **1940's Style Dance Classes**

Run by Project Dance Devon

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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

The meeting on November 7th was well attended and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Jo Bradford of Smart Phone Photography. She worked as a photographer for various companies and TV companies for several years before moving to Okehampton and falling in love with Dartmoor. With two small children (one strapped to her front and one to her back), she set about taking a photograph of Dartmoor with her smart phone on every day for a year. She showed some amazing photos of Dartmoor in all its moods. She was thanked by Pat Hawkins. After refreshments the business was dealt with. It was decided to plant 100 bulbs between the three parishes to celebrate 100 years of the WI next year. Members had attended the NFWI Event at Bideford College and Anne Leaman gave a report and she also received a certificate for winning at Okehampton Show. The Soup and Puds Lunch had been a success with in the region of £250 profit. It was decided that for the December meeting we start at 12 noon with a bring and share lunch and also have tea later on in the afternoon. The knitted poppy wreath will be put in Sampford Courtenay Church for Remembrance Sunday this year and go to the other parishes another year. The skittle team had won their first round county match against Bratton Clovelly and now go on to the second round. The next walk is at Heywoods near Wembworthy on November 29th.

There was no overall winner of the FOM and the competition winners for a favourite photo were Margaret Cleveland, Anne Leaman and Nicky Craig. The next meeting will be the Christmas Party on Thursday December 5th in Exbourne village hall at 12 noon.

*Margaret Weeks*



### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who attended my Coffee Morning on the 2nd of November. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The total raised including all the wonderful donations was £338. Thank you once again  
Sam

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **NORTH TAWTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT !!**

£5.00 pp (max 6 people per team)  
includes refreshments !! , bar open

**7 p.m. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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North Tawton Twinning has been going for nearly 44 years and is open to all. We are looking forward to a visit from our French friends from Blangy-le-Chateau next May. We will be hosting and entertaining – why not join us!. We will keep you all informed.

### **The North Tawton Royal British Legion**

would like to thank all the organisations and people who attended the Remembrance services this year. We hope to see many you at the Christmas Concert on the 1st December !!

Jane & Derek of South West Lindy Hoppers would like to thank everyone who came to the 1940's Charity Tea Dance on the 6th October in Aid of the British Legion and in memory of Jane's late father Alfred Bolt formerly of Butts Way North Tawton. It was a resounding success and we are delighted to say it raised £567 for the British Legion.

We would also like to pass on our thanks to ALL the companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes. Everyone was so impressed by the quantity and quality of them which really helped with the sale of the raffle tickets.

We look forward to doing it all again next year on Sunday 4th October 2020!

Thanks.  
Jane & Derek  
and the North Tawton Royal British Legion.

### **The Football Club**

is having a

**Christmas Coffee Morning** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Town Hall from 10.00 – 11.30 a.m..

Cash draw £100 first prize, usual draw, tombola, homemade cakes, bacon sandwiches etc..

Father Christmas will be visiting between 10.30 and 11 a.m. so bring along all the children.

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## News from Sampford Courtenay

The skittles match between the village and Bondleigh, held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, meant a resounding win for Sampford Courtenay who scored 469 to Bondleigh's 378. Top lady for Sampford was Christine with 38, runner up Veronica with 31, and top man was Joe with 48, runner up Dave with 45. Bondleigh's top lady was Joan with 30, runner up Caroline with 29, and top man was Graham with 38 and runner up Howard with 31.

Thanks to everyone who filled shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal, the world's largest Children's project, run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Child. 53 boxes have now been taken to the distribution centre and in time we will be told where they have been sent.

The quiz and puddings evening, held in the Village Hall on Friday 8th November was won by the Appledore No-Hoppers, a team made up of Monica, Peggy, Jenny and Mick.

The Conker Bash, scheduled for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the New Inn and organised by Charlie Gundry was aborted due to the atrocious weather.

A service for Remembrance Sunday was held in St. Andrew's church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, led by the Rev'd Rita Bullworthy. Jim Brereton read the names of the fallen from Sampford Courtenay and wreaths were presented on behalf of the Parish Council, the Church and the WI. John Courtie played *The Last Post* before the minutes silence and *The Reveille* at its conclusion. The poem *The Absent*, by Edward Muir, was read by Nicky Craig, the reading from St. John was read by Colour Sergeant Evans and the poem *There will be Peace between us* was read by Senior Aircraftsman Van Houben. The choir sang *Greater love hath no man* by John Ireland and *For the Fallen* by Roger Cleverdon. During a time of reflection Roger Cleverdon played *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* on the organ with John Courtie on trumpet. The congregation were given crosses with either the name of a serviceman who died in WW1 or WW2 or with no name, representing the thousands of unmarked graves, which were placed on the altar at the end of the service in an act of remembrance.

Armistice Day, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, was commemorated in The Square at 11 a.m., led by Nicky Craig. The names of the fallen were read by Michele Wilson and wreaths were presented by Andy Wilson and John Friend. The *Ode to the Fallen* and the Kohima Epitaph were read by Andy Wilson. A two minute silence was observed.

Plans are well in hand for the VE celebrations which will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10th May 2020.

Nicky Craig

There will be no service of Evensong at St. Andrew's on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, but a morning service at 9.30am

St. Andrew's

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m.  
Service of Holy Communion

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall  
Management Committee

will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Members of the public who are interested in the management of the hall are very welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's Sampford Courtenay

**Christmas Bazaar**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December Church Rooms at**  
**2 p.m.**

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**Sampford Courtenay**

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### **Bondleigh Rainfall**

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*Danny Semorad*

### **NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL**

#### **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

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collections made throughout the year  
means our Grand Total amounts to  
£2,589.53***

***so***

***THANK YOU***

***once again for helping us to raise yet  
another phenomenal amount!***

#### **The next Climate Meeting**

Will be on Monday 9th December at North Tawton Community Centre, 7-9 p.m.. It will be hosted by Jacqueline Bourne and Chris Jordan who is the Green Party candidate for Torridge & West Devon. There will also be a speaker from the local council and a guest speaker to be confirmed. The second half of the meeting will be for the sharing of ideas. Everyone welcome.

The Rainbows are looking for a new Guider. Their previous leader finished at half term and we need someone to replace her. The Rainbows are aged 5 – 7 and meet for an hour on Wednesdays from 4.15pm – 5.15 pm in the upstairs of the Town Hall.

There are 10 girls at the moment and 4 on the waiting list and the group is an important part of Girlguiding North Tawton.

If you are age 18+ and are interested or would like more information then please contact Jane on 01837 89160. Thank you.

### **Okehampton & District Local History Society**

Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton

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*Keith Badman*

15th January 2020 Annual Lunch  
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### CHRISTMAS BINGO

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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## SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

### WHIST

Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

**2020**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

**St Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay**

**Plough Sunday**

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January**

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### Thank You

#### Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Committee

We held our Quiz and Puddings on November 8<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 saves us buying or making extra  
puddings.

We raised the sum of £566, which is a very welcome  
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## North Tawton Community Primary School

This month, three important events have reminded us about the importance of working together, achievement and strength in community.

### Netball and Football Tournament

Once again we hosted the ever popular annual Netball and Football tournament with seven local schools, and the sun came out to join us! Our children played brilliantly and were placed second having lost only one game each! Brilliant result.



### The Service of Remembrance

It was a great privilege to represent the school as we marched to the Service of Remembrance, followed by a walk to the war memorial. It was wonderful to see so many pupils dressed so smartly in their uniforms, as they represented all of the various associations they belong to outside of school. They held their banners high, braved the cold and listened carefully to the words spoken about those who served and continue to serve our country. This same walk was repeated on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November with our four older classes to observe a two minute silence. A number of our parents and grandparents helped the staff walk the children to the very same location. Just in time, there was a welcome break in the awful weather. This seemed to add a note of optimism and hope to this most solemn and important occasion. We paid our respects and remembered.



### FONTS – Friends of North Tawton School NEEDS YOU!

Our PTA works incredibly hard to support the school in so many ways throughout the year. It raises funds for extra equipment and resources, organises local theatre companies to perform, and looks for opportunities to involve the local community. Once again this year we used a local printing company in Bow to turn the children's beautiful artwork into Christmas cards. We are now looking forward to the Christmas Fair held in the school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.



Our school needs local volunteers to help. Could you spare an hour or two over the year to organise and help with these and many more events? The busy FONTS team has a list of jobs if you have the time to spare. This does not have to be a regular commitment and we would love to hear from you! Please do get in touch with the school 01837 82284.

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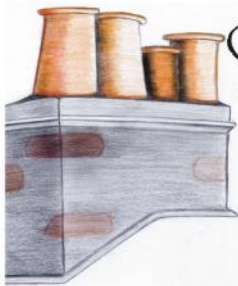
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**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION**

Or, if you feel you or your business could contribute to making this project achievable, please contact the Project Coordinators.

We wish to thank all who responded to last month's editorial appeal for plastic bags. We now have plenty to last us for the foreseeable future (but are happy to receive more!) We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our distributors for their hard work during the year, ensuring all residents get their copy of Roundabout. Finally we would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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In a time when communities are growing and physical well being is often headlined in the daily news, we believe to have this facility would be a huge benefit to the people of North Tawton and communities of the surrounding area. In fact, a facility the community can be proud of and not only benefit from now but in years to come.

We would like to gain your feedback and suggestions on any sport or activity you or your family would like to see introduced at the facility. Please fill in the section below with your suggestions. The forms can be returned to either the Post Office (the box will be in the corner window) or The Spar Shop (hand them in at the till area). Please can the suggestions be returned by the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

For your information there will be an open meeting at the Rugby Club on JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2020 and FEBUARY 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 both at 7.30 p.m.. This is an opportunity for the local community to find out more and pose any questions they may have.

Please take the time to respond. This is a project for the community and for all ages. We need to know what you would like in it?

Thank you for your co-operation, Paul Ankorn & Andrew Pyle, NTRFC

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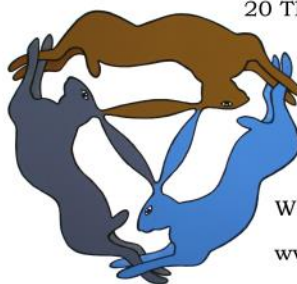
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