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# From The Rectory

## Something to look forward to?

We are all longing for things to look forward to. I'm hearing that phrase increasingly often as we head towards the close of this difficult year. The longing for a brighter future is always there any year. How we feel today is usually subject to our plans and possibilities for tomorrow – a birthday coming up, a holiday, a treat we have been looking forward to for months... Christmas? So in a year when planning anything has been a nightmare, many of us are feeling pretty down in the dumps at the moment. It feels like there is nothing much to look forward to.

Having said that though, I am feeling a little glimmer of hope today as I have a couple of things to look forward to soon. I really hope Covid doesn't scupper them like it did our summer holiday. Exeter Chiefs have two massive games ahead in the next two weeks. By the time this is published we may be European Champions and Premiership Champions. Or we may be neither! The other glimmer of hope is that I think we Weldons might actually get a few days away in the Cotswolds shortly. We were supposed to go months ago, but... well, you know! If restrictions remain as they are, it looks like we can go. Two things to look forward to! *(In a late edit... I'm now thinking I should delete this paragraph. There's talk on the BBC of a possible circuit-breaking lockdown over half term. Oh no!)*

I'm a planner. Much of my job is about planning for future events and services. I am now being asked daily about Christmas plans for our churches, and my response is, "I don't know. This is what I'd like us to do, but there may be some very last minute decisions." We are planning to hold Christmas services and events in all our churches much as we usually do, and that may turn out to be possible. But nobody knows at the moment, and that is unsettling. So whether it is sport, holidays, Christmas plans or seeing a loved one face-to-face, we all yearn for future things to look forward to. We live off them. We can deal with the hardships of the present if there is something good just around the corner.

All this seems to run counter the ideas behind modern mindfulness, which seeks to help people embrace and enjoy their present reality more fully. It's present reality that is the problem in Autumn 2020! With a variety of techniques like meditation, yoga and breathing exercises, through to colouring, journaling and spending time in nature, there has been an explosion of methodologies helping people to be more aware of their thoughts and feelings as they happen moment by moment. I think mindfulness has much going for it, and there are widely practised Christian versions of it now, which include prayer and contemplation. Many people have found their busy stressful lives hugely improved by taking time to take note of their present experience more

fully, and count their blessings. Perhaps this is why the forced mindfulness of those blissful days of early lockdown in April came as a welcome relief for some.

But things are different now. The present reality feels increasingly tortuous and bleak. With the shorter days of winter approaching, there remains little end in sight to the loneliness and emptiness caused by a largely blank social diary. Everyone is feeling it. And so focussing on the present seems counter-productive, even potentially harmful.

With that in mind, I want to appeal to that busy-bee-like productiveness that has got the British through many a difficulty in the past. These days will pass, as has been repeated often in recent months, but they will pass much quicker and feel much less gloomy if we all find ways to make things happen this winter. Doing nothing will only elongate the present reality.

In April, we were all quite good at this. We stood outside in our hundreds to applaud the NHS. We did Zoom-quizzes, DIY, and our daily exercise. We were galvanised into helping our neighbours. But now, everyone seems tired. The novelty of lockdown life wore off weeks ago, and for many, post-lockdown life seems much more complicated and wearisome than it ever was before. Ordinary things like popping to the shops feel like hard work, and every glance at the media just reminds us of the problems.

So for the sake of the lonely, our own sanity, and the life of our community, let's find ways to make things happen this winter. Where there is a will there is a way – a Covid safe way. And where this is happening already, the dividends are proving great. I've noticed, every time the work has been put in to make something happen in these trying days, everyone goes away feeling miles better (until they watch the 10 o'clock news at least!) There are hundreds of reasons not to bother and just hold out for the vaccine. But as we enter month 9 of this pandemic I think the reasons to bother are mounting... community cohesion, mental, physical and spiritual well-being and the local economy to name but a few. I really hope we get through this pandemic with only a handful of positive tests in this community. It looks as though that will be the case in our lovely sheltered rural setting. But I worry that the causality list due to other causes, secondary to the virus, is growing. So let's do what we can when we can, as safely as we can, as best as we can, as soon as we can. We all need something to look forward to.

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#### November 14th

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(The Kohima Epitaph)*

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**REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
In  
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**Remembrance Sunday**  
Sunday 8th November 2020

*We will remember them*

**10.45am** outside at the War Memorial  
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North Tawton Royal  
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**NORTH TAWTON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE  
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020**

Commemorating especially the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day, the North Tawton Branch of the Royal British Legion and the various uniformed organisations will lead our Service of Remembrance with standards. Due to current Covid restrictions and subject to any further restrictions, the entire service will be outside at the War Memorial this year. There will be no formal parade or service in church.

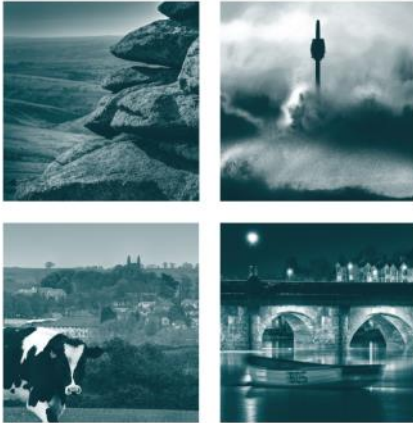
Please gather (socially distanced and observing the Rule of Six) at the War Memorial in the Town Cemetery on Exeter Street.

The service will start at 10.45am, and last for 30 mins.

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## North Tawton Cemetery – would you like to donate a bench?

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## Other news:

- Various minor works identified by the Annual RoSPA safety report for the memorial park equipment have now been completed. This includes repairs and refurbishment to the gates to the toddler area. We're ordering some new larger bins, and next year the metal gates to the entrances in Barton Street will be refurbished.
- In early November interviews will take place for a new Assistant Town Clerk, further to the retirement of Mr Stephen Webb. Stephen has been a great asset to the Council, we will miss him, but we all wish him a healthy and happy retirement and thank him for everything he has done over the last couple of years.
- At the time of writing there is a vacancy on the Council further to the resignation of Dr. Peter Brickley. Again, we would all like to thank Dr. Brickley for his enthusiastic involvement in the work of the Council, and wish him well in all his future projects. Please check our noticeboard and website for information as to progress in filling the vacancy. Bear in mind that there are legal timescales which mean the advertisement for possible election had to be posted by a certain date, and expires within a certain period of time. If no-one asks for an election to be held, the Council can co-opt someone onto the Council – again, check our website and noticeboard.

*Sarah Say*

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

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Moving on. I would love to tell you wonderful tales about the goings on within our W.I.. But I can't. I would have to invent the goings on. I would love to tell you about our trips here, there and goodness knows where. I would love to give you a juicy report from a monthly meeting that had us totally spellbound by an entertaining and fascinating speaker. But I can't. However, until we can meet again, [and focusing firmly on the positive side] a monthly newsletter is still being produced, with interesting life stories from our members - and a weekly prize draw continues to have our ladies wondering 'will it be me?' October's 'Orchard Delights' means a lucky lady will receive a delicious fruit hamper brimming with Vitamin C – no chance of a nasty bout of scurvy then.

Hang on a minute. Husband has just nudged me in the ribs and uttered one of my favourite words. CAKE. How could I have forgotten the wonderfully laden W.I. cake stall at September's Car Boot Sale and Town Market? The sun shone, the stalls were set up, the car boots were opened and North Tawton W.I. sold cake. Something that we are exceptionally good at. We are also exceptionally good at eating it.

I'm staring at the rest of this blank page thinking – what on earth shall I write about now? Husband is hovering - desperate for me to ask him for suggestions. How can I refuse? Prepare yourself for a large dose of nostalgia. If I mention the names 'Graham and the Green Echoes' or 'The Skylarks', 'The Hotspots' or even 'Les Gale and his band' is there anyone out there screaming 'Oh my gosh I remember them'. Did you ever enter Les Gale's hairdressing shop on Fore Street and ask for a short back and sides? Did you then dash off to the Town Hall on a Saturday night only to see that Les had put aside his hairdressing scissors and was now brandishing a shiny trumpet? Well I have it on good authority from husband [and another reliable source] that dancing the night away in North Tawton, Winkleigh, Bow, Dolton, and other local venues, was THE thing to do back in the 50's, 60's and 70's. I am starting to look at husband in a new light although he has just told me that he was 'a bit of a shrinking violet back then' - . I'm having trouble visualising husband as a shrinking violet. No – that particular vision just won't materialise. On the contrary – having witnessed his elaborate 'moves' to various tunes played on the radio, I am more inclined to think that he may well have been the first 'mover and groover' to hit the dance floor on a Saturday night.

Stop right there. Did I just call husband a mover and groover? Am I about to wake up from some strange type of dream? With moves like that I could tie a Flash Floor Wipe to both of his feet and the kitchen floor would be done .....hmmmm – in a flash.

*Sue Knott*

## **NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB**



Here is the latest update. It has been a difficult year for all of us.

The General Committee has worked hard to keep things going. This includes a new visitors changing room plus a path to and from the Green.

The latter has been well maintained by the grounds committee lead by Robert Arscott and David Cooper.

Also, thanks to chairman John Kinsey and Co., we have managed to play some very enjoyable internal competitions, while, of course, observing social distancing at all times. We had to remind some members that this did not apply to the bowls and the jack!!! So here are the results:

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### **Men's:**

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### News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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**SEAMOOR LOTTO** – Sampford Courtenay Parish Council has registered as one of the charities which 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>

SCPC – held its 6<sup>th</sup> Oct meeting virtually on Zoom with 6 parishioners also joining in. Using Zoom does enable “remote” parishioners to attend the Parish Council meeting from the comfort of their homes. Full minutes can be found on the Website.

- 1) **DOG ATTACK ON PARISHIONER** – please be vigilant when walking in the Honeychurch area. P.S. Walker from the Local Policing Team highlights all reports are taken seriously and confirms this report has been positively followed up.
- 2) **DOG WASTE BAGS BEING THROWN INTO FIELDS** – dog owners are reminded of the dangers to livestock and wildlife of throwing bags of dog faeces into neighbouring fields. Please either take it home with you, or dispose of in the litter bins at either the Public Toilets or opposite the New Inn.
- 3) **FLY TIPPING AND LITTER** – an appeal to all parishioners and those who pass through Sampford Courtenay to please refrain from dumping your litter on our lanes. **Plus a request to our parishioners reporting incidents to WDBC and DCC** to let SCPC know of any instances of litter or fly tipping as they are keeping a log to follow up their action.
- 4) **CASUAL VACANCY** – SCPC are pleased to announce that they received six applications to stand as councillor. However, the Returning Officer of WDBC also received more than ten requests for this vacancy to be filled by election. Because of Covid 19 this election will not take place until May 2021.
- 5) **CHAIR’S AUTUMN LETTER** – by now you should have received the Chair’s Autumn Letter summarising actions and plans for SCPC together with a questionnaire regarding your Internet/Mobile phone service; and a letter outlining SCEnSus plans, plus news of how you can help fund the new Village Hall Roof. If you want more information on any of these items please get in touch.
- 6) **OPEN MEETING TUES 27<sup>TH</sup> OCT 7.30PM** – Details will be delivered with the above letter.
- 7) **FOOTPATHS** – funding from DCC P3 funds have been received and work is planned on the footpath that runs behind the Village Hall down to Weirford Lane.
- 8) **COVID FUND RAISING** – funds have been raised by various Bake Sales, Plant sales and Face Masks and it was intended to use it to host a “Freedom” party when we could all get back to meeting together. However, as this seems unlikely for the moment, suggestions on how to use these funds are invited from parishioners.
- 9) **6 MONTH FINANCIAL REVIEW** conducted by Chair and Clerk is available to view on the website.
- 10) **KEEP SAFE, KEEP ALERT** – As the recovery from the COVID Pandemic has been put in place SCPC has currently concluded the Incident Management Team, but will continue to monitor the current situation locally and any further need for our team of volunteers. The Clerk will continue the fortnightly Newsletter with relevant local information and current official safety guidelines. If you are not already receiving these Helpsheets, just let the Clerk have your email address. Plus, if circumstances change, please get in touch so that we can provide help.

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 MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

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*“What happens next is up to every one of us”* – Sir David Attenborough’s haunting words as he closed his latest documentary, *Extinction: The facts*. This was re-inforced by the end of September UN report on biodiversity which concluded: *“The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.”*

The issues are as apparent here as they are in the tropics, and we have a special responsibility to look after nature in North Devon’s UNESCO Biosphere Reserve not least because the area’s economy depends on it. But how can each of us respond to Attenborough’s seemingly overwhelming challenge? I suggest four ways:

First, we need urgently to create more space for nature and connect up wild areas across gardens, community spaces, business sites and particularly farms - let a corner go wild, avoid the use of chemicals, make a pond or wild flower patch or plant trees. Farmers, who manage so much of the countryside, have the largest opportunity to help nature, and many are doing so already. But can you do more, by leaving aside some less productive land for nature, and making your farm more nature-friendly?

Second, use your spending power to support businesses that are doing good things for nature. Buy local meat and vegetables sourced from farms in countryside stewardship or with organic or Red Tractor symbols. And at the supermarket, buy British - and avoid exporting problems abroad.

Third, use your influence to make government at all levels to do more for nature. Encourage your employer and other businesses to do more, both on the land they manage and through their supply chains. Lobby your bank or your pension provider to ensure they are not investing in businesses that are damaging nature.

Finally, support a local conservation organisation and help their vital work.

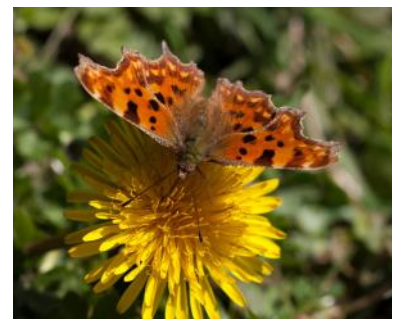
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### News from Sampford Courtenay

There's very little to report this month as Covid-19 cuts a swathe through the activities of our normally active little village.

Harvest Festival Evensong was held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, rather than on the Friday, our traditional day of the week, and there was no harvest supper or parishioners packed into the Church Rooms. A small choir sang traditional harvest hymns, which the congregation followed, humming behind their face masks. Strictly no singing by the congregation, but there was a definite increase in volume for the last verse of 'We plough the fields and scatter.' Not to be outdone, the church was decorated as beautifully as always.

At the postponed Easter Vestry on 7<sup>th</sup> October, Sarah Hanks and Malcolm Craig were returned as churchwardens for the year.

*Nicky Craig*

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## **The Three Hares Primary Schools**

You may have already come across the symbol of the three hares that is so prominent across this area. In the last couple of years, it has also become associated with a small group of three primary schools, known as The Three Hares.

The Three Hares schools are North Tawton Primary, South Tawton Primary and Chagford Church of England Primary Schools. These schools became academies in January 2018, within the larger organisation of Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, which consists of fourteen primary and three secondary schools.

I would like to introduce myself to you: my name is Elizabeth Underwood, and I was appointed in 2019 as Executive Headteacher for The Three Hares Primaries. I work closely with our leadership team comprising the three Heads of School, Sunita Chauhan, Sarah Marvin and Tara Penny, to drive school improvement and offer the best possible education for the children within the local area.

Now that all of the children are safely back at school (and, by all accounts, delighted to back with their friends) we would like to share more about our schools with you. Below are some reflections, compiled by a few children about their experiences of lockdown, through to coming back to school in September. We are looking forward to sharing more with you all in the coming months.

### **Back to School**

In March, our school had to close because of Coronavirus – Covid 19. At first it felt a bit weird being at home because it was so new. But after a while we all settled in to this new way of working. We had fun being with our families and spending lots of time outside, riding bikes and playing games.

Some children were able to go to school because their parents were key workers. That means they have essential jobs that can't be done at home on a computer, like doctors, police officers, shop owners and teachers. The children came to school so the adults could keep the country running.

After a while it got a bit boring being at home. We really missed our friends, and some of us even missed our teachers and doing school work! Sometimes it felt like we had no purpose and sometimes it was quite frustrating for us, and for our parents. It was interesting that when we were not at school, we really missed it!

Some children had their birthday during lockdown and couldn't have a party or even have one friend around to play.

Now we are back at school and it feels great to be with our friends and continuing our education.

It is great to be in class with our teachers and learning our new topics.

It does feel different in school now because we have bubbles. We have different areas of the playground and field to play in but we do swap so we have a change of scenery. In class, we have to sit in rows and we have to socially distance, but we are working hard and making the best of it.

We hope everyone stays safe and their hearts are filled with rainbows. Let's continue to be happy, even when it's tough.

*Elizabeth Underwood, Executive Head Teacher.*

### **Thank You**

Rose, Hilary and family thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind donations in memory of Carole.

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Hi everyone

It is great to be back! After 6 months of being on furlough, I was delighted to get the call to return to work this week. What a year 2020 has been. I have missed my regular communications with you all and the various calls and messages I receive. I hope you have all kept safe and well and looked after each other.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been in contact with my friends and colleagues at Castle Drogo, Finch Foundry, Lydford Gorge, Parke and the many wonderful countryside sites across the moor over the past 6 months offering support, positive messages, donations and coming back to visit (in a socially distanced way, of course). It has meant so much to the team during such unusual times – and we really appreciate the help. It has also been a privilege to be here for you all when you need that all-important breath of fresh air and access to beauty and nature. Aren't we lucky to be in glorious Devon with the wonderful Teign Valley on our doorstep!

Speaking of the estate, you may also remember that I mentioned last year that we were starting to put plans in place to thin the large beech trees along the castle drive. These trees are very large and close together and, being beech, are suffering from lots of damage by grey squirrels. We are going to thin them to increase light levels to enable us to underplant with young trees, whilst allowing the remaining large trees room to spread. This work is due to take place in October so you will see activity very soon.

Finally, in this ever-changing situation we are living through, it will be quite difficult for me to share latest opening and access details via this publication. My best advice is to keep an eye on our website and Facebook or get in touch with me directly. I hope to see some of you on the estate, in the garden or in the café soon where we can wave from a distance of at least two metres.

Best wishes, stay safe and keep washing those hands!

**Paula**

Community Involvement Manager, Castle Drogo and Dartmoor  
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### **\*Pet food pouch and crisp packet recycling\***

Thank you to everyone who has been using this facility, unfortunately due to changes at the charity which the waste is recycled through we won't be able to do this through them after the end of November. Last date currently to get your recycling into the bins is the 20th November.

We are investigating other ways to recycle these items, together with other, hard to process waste. We will update you if this is possible next month.

*Ruth and Louise*



North Tawton Repair Café

We have run two successful events in July and September, with a slightly different format. All being well we will run an event in November, with items dropped off at the community centre a few days prior to the repair café on the 14th November. Look out for posters closer to the time!

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Wedding

Saturday 26th September John WYLD and Sarah BUTCHER

St. Peter's Church

### Funeral

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Lakeway United Church



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(from Psalm 91)

### Bondleigh Rainfall

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### North Tawton

#### Flowers

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