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From The Rectory

Night-vision

The Bible says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” (Psalm 19) I got a sense of such glory recently on a night-walk with two of my children. They were a little reluctant to move at first, sitting on a warm sofa giving me one of those “do we have to?” looks from behind the iPad. But to their credit, they came with me. Off we went at about 8 p.m. fully toggled in hats and gloves. Leaving behind the street lamps on Essington, we walked up to Boswell’s Lane near the top of Staddon Hill. It was perishingly cold but beautifully clear. By the time we got there, our eyes had adjusted and we beheld the heavens. Glorious. It felt like a metaphor as we approach Spring, gradually clawing ourselves out from under the boot of coronavirus, eyes slowly adjusting to see better days ahead.

Later that same evening, just as I was reaching for the remote control to find something less depressing than the news to watch, one of those lighter stories featured. It was about night-walking of all things. Apparently lots of people are using these strange days to reclaim the night and head out for a walk before bed. So I’m not the only weirdo then. The report suggested a number of reasons for this upsurge in nocturnal wandering. The night feels less dangerous than normal with pubs closed and gatherings banned. The roads are quiet. The rates of cabin fever are high. Many people are seeing the importance of exercise for their general well-being, but for those that work during daylight hours, an evening stroll is the only means of release. Of course, the dog-walkers amongst us have always known this. I have to say, our chilly, star-lit stroll was magical: the moon as a mirror-ball. I’ll be cold-water swimming next. I think the children enjoyed it too. I guess it was just great to do something spontaneous and experience something great again. It’s been so long.

I come from a walking background. We always walked as a family when I was younger. Letterboxing on Dartmoor when I lived in Plymouth as a child; bagging Munros when I lived in Scotland as a teenager. I’m sure I had to be prized off the Amstrad at times by my parents. But I’m glad I was, because everyone feels better after a walk, even a grumpy teenager. Over the years, I’ve been to Snowdonia countless times, the Lake District twice, and Yorkshire once. I even managed one Alpine walking trip to Chamonix; all adventures I hope to add to again one day. But due to a combination of whimpishness and good fortune, all the above were undertaken in daylight, more

or less. I’ve never been brave enough to go high at night.

At the moment, mainly due to lockdown, but also due to work and family commitments, the night-walk around the lanes of North Tawton is about as exciting as it gets. But on a clear night it really is very special. At a time when life feels so restricted, and the world has shrunk to four walls, food-shopping, and flickering screens, it felt good to get outside and attune the senses to something bigger, much bigger – the glorious galaxy in which God has placed us.

One of the symptoms of Covid is a loss of the sense of taste and smell. Even after other symptoms subside, I’m told that the hottest curry still tastes like the blandest stew. But maybe we have all become partially-sighted too due to the pandemic... struggling to apprehend the future just around the corner; and just when we think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, it turns out to be the blinding halogen of more bad news.

Night-vision is what is needed. No matter how far away or how small the lights are, when eyes are fully adjusted, perspective comes. That glorious evening under the heavens was a good reminder of not only the magnitude and magnificence of God and his Creation, but also the little lights of hope that help us navigate our way in life’s gloominess... faith, family, community, kindness.

Soon it will be Spring, Mothering Sunday and Easter. The days will be longer and warmer. There will be new-born lambs in the fields and different headlines on the news. For me, and for many of us, the stars are not only a reminder of God’s glory but also pointers towards Jesus, the great Morning Star, who burst the gloom of the grave that first Easter. The darkness of these recent months has been long and hard, but there are plenty of twinkling lights of hope now. Perhaps it is time to venture out a bit more into the still very present gloom around us, but in doing so, trust the night-vision we have gained to see us through to better days. Not long to go now.

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Climate Change

Last summer the Council undertook a public consultation about Climate Change. The Council has now met and proposed some projects to work on, either alone or with others. (*Details of the relevant meeting are on our website.*)

The proposed projects include: more wildflower areas (*see below for our free seeds*), including consulting with the Rector over churchyard management; education (*watch this space for details over the next few months*); lobbying Devon County Council for better bus services (*especially a direct bus to Okehampton*); electric car-share schemes; and creation of a community orchard. We'll be working on these proposals over the next year. Additionally, NTTC voted unanimously to consider all its decisions in future in relation to their impact on climate change.

Wildflowers

North Tawton Town Council is giving away free wildflower seeds! If you'd like to make your own 'mini-meadow' this summer, seed packets will be available from 6 March - from the Post Office, or from The Veg Shed on Essington, for you to sow a 1m² meadow in your garden, in a window box or in a pot.

Climate change is making things hard for bees and other pollinators. Our small meadows will provide steppingstones for them across our town. This will allow them to keep on pollinating our crops and trees.

We'd love to see photos of your 'mini-meadows' - either on the North Tawton Nature Facebook page, by emailing your pictures to ruth.testa@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk, or by putting a photo of your patch in your window!

We'd also like to hear from residents and businesses who are interested in making bigger wildflower areas. If you are interested, we can provide advice and support - please email Cllr. Ruth Testa (as above) and we'll get back to you.

Covid Signage

Last month we told you that we'd be happy to provide businesses with extra up to date covid signage if it's required. We've decided the simplest way to do this is for you to contact us if you'd like to take up this offer. We'll let you know what we can provide. For information, District Councils were given funding from central Government at the end of last year's big lockdown, to help town centres - we were very fortunate to receive some of this grant aid, and it's this that is paying for new covid signage, as well as a bigger project to help businesses that we'll announce in due course.

Elections and Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – 6th May 2021

At the time of writing, polls will be held in May for the following:

- 1 Devon County Council election – Hatherleigh & Chagford Ward
- 2 Police and Crime Commissioner election
- 3 North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

We will keep you informed and let you know if there are any changes to the above.

Census – 21st March 2021

The census is coming!

Households across Devon will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is 21st March 2021. For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk.

Disabled Parking Bays in Town Centre Car Park

Last month we advised residents of our proposal to consult users on the possible removal of one of the disabled parking bays in the town centre car park. If you want to comment on this then details of the proposal are on our noticeboard, website, facebook page and on the NT facebook hub. Please respond by 31 March 2021, thank you.

Covid 19

Vaccines are now being rolled out and at the time of writing over 65s are the next group to be contacted.

Meanwhile, thank you all for continuing to observe the current regulations, and please keep safe everyone.

Sarah Say

Town Clerk

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

The first lockdown. Some people got a dog, some people got a few chickens. We got a one-legged blackbird and called him Stumpy. Or maybe it was Stumpy that got us. He has a penchant for dried mealworms. He sits on our garden fence/table/wall and stares in through the kitchen blinds, chirping madly until one of us dishes up his favourite snack. He is adorable and is happy to pose for photographs. Stay tuned for further 'Stumpy Bulletins'.

If you'd clutched a cup of tea in one hand, a custard cream in the other and closed your eyes you could have been transported down to the Rugby Club. It was the closest thing to a 'normal' meeting for a whole year. The word 'Zoom' has become a much-used noun in our daily vocabulary and now North Tawton W.I. ladies were about to have a bash with a proper speaker, a bit of business – and the potential pinnacle of the meeting - the virtual Flower of the Month. I know – you're desperate for me to get to that bit, aren't you? Well, you're going to have to wait.

Judy Theobald was sitting in the comfort of her own home near Southampton and for the next 45 minutes she was going to tell us about her 30 plus years in the media as a journalist, poet, sub-editor and radio presenter. Oh, and she also trained as a police officer. I would say she could have had a very successful career as a stand-up comedian as she had us laughing from the start – a cross between Dawn French and Jo Brand without the naughty words. From the age of seven Judy wanted to be a journalist so it was off to secretarial college to learn short hand and typing and with 100 words per minute under her belt she set about getting a job. And that's as far as she got. Opportunities for female journalists were non-existent, brick walls everywhere. What to do next? It's obvious isn't it? Retrain as a police officer. After completing her training at Hendon and hoping for a job in the Royal Family Protection Unit (and getting posted to Brixton) family circumstances took her to Lincolnshire. For the next 23 years she wrote a weekly poetry column in the Lincolnshire Echo and then – at long last – she had the chance to train as a journalist, and loved it. A variety of jobs followed, including working for two newspapers in Scotland, then it was back to Lincolnshire and a job with Lincolnshire Life magazine. Judy also found herself giving talks – she was a natural. The opportunity to work for BBC Radio Lincolnshire then arose. Perfect. In her own words 'What a slog!' Absolutely exhausting. But so enjoyable. Now, at the Spring Chicken age of 71 she has retired. What to do now? Lots of volunteering of course. Reflecting on her career in the media, Judy finished by saying that one of the things you need to be as a journalist is incredibly curious (or could that be nosey?)

So, on the count of three, please thrust your 'Flower' towards your screen (note the **singular** use of the word flower). Oohh – that's a nice reticulated iris, what a lovely daffodil, is that a camellia you're holding? Hang on – who's that hiding behind a HUGE bowl of hyacinths? (**plural!**) Reveal yourself. A steward's inquiry was held. Rules were scrutinised. Microphones were muted. Disqualification was called for. Proceedings started to sound like a certain Parish Council meeting. (Where is Jackie Weaver when you need her?!)

Sue Knott

Thank You

Thank you all for the kind messages
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URGENT CALL FOR NEW GOVERNORS TO HELP DEVON'S SCHOOLS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Schools across Devon, including Plymouth and Torbay, urgently need new governors as they continue to deal with the coronavirus crisis.

The Diocese of Exeter, which has responsibility for the county's 133 Church of England schools, is re-launching its [Be A Governor](#) campaign in order to meet the need for volunteer governors on the frontline at this time.

Christina Mabin, the Diocesan Education Advisor with responsibility for Governance and a primary school governor herself, said, "Governors are needed now more than ever. Schools are juggling teaching children remotely and on site. During the first lockdown, as a governor, I was being contacted on a regular basis with updates on the ever-changing situation. Schools were open to key workers and vulnerable children, staff were working weekends and holidays and we were having to make key decisions about trying to keep all staff and children safe. This involved decisions on closing the school for short periods of time. There is a lot of pressure on head teachers and school staff. As governors we are concerned with the wellbeing of teachers, children and parents and helping where we can."

Christina said that schools needed governors to fill vacancies despite being closed and working remotely. Devon has some of the highest numbers of pupils still attending school in England during this third lockdown. In some Church of England schools in the county, 50% of pupils are attending, which is higher than the national average.

School governors are volunteers who work strategically with schools giving both support and challenge. They do not need to be parents or previously connected to the school but do need to be committed.

Sue Lockwood, Acting Director of Education, for the Diocese of Exeter, said, "School Leaders and their staff have been doing a great job throughout the pandemic in serving the needs of their students and families. They are working long hours to ensure school communities are safe and that students' wellbeing and education are continuing positively. Governors play a vital role in this work. People who can come forward to be governors could make a real difference right now."

To find out more about becoming a school governor visit the [Be A Governor](https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/be-a-governor/) page: <https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/be-a-governor/>



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Sampford Courtenay Community Calendar 2021
All Events subject to current Covid Guidelines at time of Event.



January

5th - SCPC Meeting Zoom
6th - Plough Sunday
19th - SCPC Q & A – GENERAL
29/31 - RSPB – Garden Bird Watch



February

2nd - SCPC Meeting Zoom
16th -SCPC Q & A – WAR MEMORIAL ZOOM
24th – SCEnSus meeting.
27th - Big Breakfast to take away



March

14th – Mothering Sunday Service
16th - SCPC Q & A – VILLAGE GREEN
20th – Bellringers Coffee Morning.
20th - Great British Spring Clean
21st – CENSUS DAY
24th - Flower Show collect potatoes & buckets.
26th – Take Away Curry



April

2nd - Easter Egg Trail
27th -SCPC Open Meeting



May

1st – VIRTUAL PET SHOW
22nd – BEE & BUG



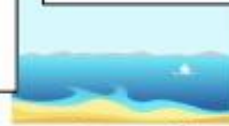
June

13th - Himalayan Balsam Stream Clean



July

3rd – Bellringers Outing
10th – St Andrew's Summer Fete



August

1st - Scarecrow Trail starts
21st - Flower and Veg Show



September

4th – Music Event
11th – Coffee Morning – Devon Historic Churches Day
24th – Harvest Festival & Supper



October

30th - Pumpkin Trail



November

11th – Armistice Day Service
13th – Countryfile Children in Need Footpath Ramble
14th – Remembrance Service



December

6/11th - Christmas Cheer & Santa's Grotto



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News from Sampford Courtenay

Weekly services have continued at St. Andrew's in accordance with coronavirus restrictions and Church of England guidance.

The funeral of Patrick Francis Summers, 85, of Bude Farm, Honeychurch took place on Friday, 12th February, 2021 at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay. Pat, as he was known, died on 28th January 2021 and was the widower of Ruth, who died in 2018. He was carried into church by Ray Squire, Ivor Taylor and Richard and David Weeks. The bell was tolled by Joe Stoneman.

The entrance music was *Recuerdos de la Alhambra*. The hymn *Abide with me* was sung by Katherine Jenkins and *Lord of All Hopefulness* by Ely Cathedral choristers, in compliance with lockdown regulations. The Revd Nick Weldon officiated, reading the poem *Death is nothing at all*, by Henry Scott Holland and he gave the Eulogy.

Commendation was followed by committal at St. Mary's, Honeychurch.

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**Sampford Courtenay Flower & Veg Show
2021
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This year, as part of the **SCEnSus** initiatives to make the parish more Environmental and Sustainably Aware, we are going to experiment to see how **PEAT FREE COMPOST** compares to other composts.

The Heaviest Crop of Potatoes from one seed potato Class will give you the option to enter Peat Free Compost (Red Bucket) or Other Compost/soil (Blue Bucket) or why not do your own Household Challenge and try one of each?

Flower Show Committee will provide the buckets and the seed potato for £1 each. These will be distributed on **March Wed 24th Mar – 6pm** in The Square.

Peat Free Compost will also be on sale on the night – or if you want to order additional bags – please contact Jill & Robin Bevis

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To order your seed potato & buckets please contact Marion & Bill on 01837 82285 or

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Hopefully, this year's Flower & Produce Show will go ahead in some form. Therefore, the proposed date is Saturday, 21st August.

Whatever happens in the coming months, we will be carrying on with the Blue Bucket/Seed Potato Class – to see who can grow the heaviest crop from just one potato. These will need to be ordered – so if you are interested in taking part this year – please let Marion & Bill know by either emailing

marion174@btinternet.com

or ringing 01837 82285 by 1st March.

**SCEnSus
Sampford Courtenay
Environmental &
Sustainability Group**



**Sampford Courtenay Environment and
Sustainability (SCEnSus) Group**

Hopefully you will have completed the New Year's Resolutions Checklist (see the SC Website if you haven't!) and are making good progress towards ticking off those areas where you can make a difference to the way you do things and to reduce your household's 'carbon footprint'. The February challenge was to think about the 'food miles' on your plate and it is also linked to the next challenge for March. This time, we're still thinking about how we can reduce the distance that the food we eat has travelled by growing some or more of our own. We're also thinking about improving other aspects of what we do in our gardens that can help the environment in a variety of ways.

So, the **March SCEnSus Challenge** is to '**Grow your own**'

- Make sure you purchase only peat free compost this year – buy some through the SCEnSus compost scheme by contacting Jill and Robin Bevis on 07803037828 or 07730512306, robinandjill@phonecoop.coop or come to the Village Square on Wednesday 24th March at 6 p.m. to buy some when you collect your potato bucket.
- Compost your own kitchen and garden waste – use the West Devon garden waste services if you can't do this at home.
- Reduce, if not stop, the use of artificial garden fertilisers and chemical pesticides. Are the fruits and vegetables you grow technically 'organic'? If not, what could you change to make them so?
- Don't buy or use slug pellets this year to protect wildlife, particularly hedgehogs and birds.
- Install water butts and water diverters to save rainwater for watering plants.
- We are hoping to do even more 'plant swap' events this year. What can you grow to help someone else... or to sell to raise funds for the Village Hall ... or to swap for something else?

Will what you grow this year reduce your family's 'food miles'? Is there anything you can do with family, friends and neighbours that will make an even bigger difference to the environment?

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SCPC – held their 2nd February meeting virtually on Zoom with six 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 and notice boards.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS – SCPC will be holding some informal, Q & A sessions (via Zoom at the moment, but hopefully face to face in the near future) Tuesday 16th March – Topic -Village Green, Community Garden & Skate Ramp. For more details or to submit your comments on either topic please contact the Clerk.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION HUBS (Noticeboards) – suggestions for locations for further noticeboards in the parish are requested.

CASUAL VACANCY – there is another vacancy for a councillor on SCPC due to the resignation of Cllr. Joy Tucker.

CENSUS MARCH 21ST – Councils have been requested to urge residents to complete this year’s Census which will take place on March 21st 2021.

PRIORITY POST BOXES – (marked with a Blue Sticker) – these are currently recommended for use to return Covid Tests. Royal Mail are looking into providing stickers for the Post Boxes in the Square and at Belstone Corner. They are also assessing if the Belstone Corner Post Box can be relocated to the opposite side of the road nearer to The Beeches.

NEW VILLAGE ROAD SIGNAGE – SCPC are currently negotiating with DCC Highways regarding new signs at entrance to the Parish. The meeting agreed that it was important to maintain the reference to the historic Prayer Book Rebellion on these signs, but would also like to encourage safe driving through the parish.

PEAT FREE COMPOST – SCEnSus will be promoting the use of Peat Free Compost by combining with the Flower Show – Potato in a Bucket Class. Parishioners will be able to choose to grow their seed potato in a purely Peat Free medium, or a growing medium of their own choice (see page 17). Seed Potatoes and Buckets will be distributed on Wednesday March 24th at 6 p.m. in the Square. Peat Free Compost will also be available to purchase at the same time.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN – has been booked for Saturday 20th March to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean.

KEEP SAFE, KEEP ALERT - the best way to keep up to date is to sign up for emails via Julie and the Website, alternatively please contact the Clerk (details below) to either receive regular Covid Newsletters by email or printed copies. If your circumstances change and you wish to submit a Request for Assistance form – just contact Marion as per below.

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If you have been reading the other articles from ACE, you will know that we were not able to do our usual 'dig' last summer and we are not sure about this summer either. So, we have used the time to concentrate on our finds. Three of us have been working in our homes on cataloguing finds but also doing small pieces of research.

Cataloguing is filling in a spreadsheet with as much detail on each piece of pottery, or glass, or bone (animals!) or metal and, if we can, dating it. We don't have any experts on pottery, for example, but we do have an adviser who has helped a little with some of the older pieces of pot, but sometimes, fascinating though it is to know that something dates from the 11th or 12 centuries, it is often the later pieces that can set you off on a research trail.

Take the pieces pictured below as an example.



As you can see some of the pieces fit together and the larger piece at the top of the picture is part of a base of something. At first, I thought it was perhaps from one of the pots used in the Victorian and early 20th century for foodstuffs, or toothpaste, hair cream etc and the words were 'labels' but I couldn't find anything that fitted. Difficult when there is only one word in full.

A few days ago, I came across a group on Facebook which discusses and answers question on British pottery. The people in the group are mainly collectors of whole pieces of pottery but I joined with the explanation that they were unlikely to get any pictures of whole pieces from me. I shared the photo with them and as a result of their information I am now pretty certain what it is. They suggested that I look for Franklin Maxim mugs. I was none the wiser but back to the internet. Franklin's maxims refer to Benjamin Franklin, one of the American Founding Fathers, who wrote, or compiled a book of maxims or improving sayings and published it in 1758 as 'The Way to Wealth'. The sayings etc. had previously been published, over 25 years, in a magazine called 'Poor Richard's Almanac'. You may be familiar with some of them even now. 'Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy and wealthy and wise'; 'There are no gains, without pains'.

Next, I had to find out what our mug said. Luckily, there is a free online version of, 'The Way to Wealth' and I was able to do a word search through the book using the words we had and inspired guesses. I found the following, 'Lost time is never found again; and what we call time enough always proves little enough'. The Franklin mugs were made around the middle of the 19th Century, 1850 to 1875 or thereabouts, and they were made for children. Poor Victorian children, they were always being subjected to improving phrases. Below is what a whole one looks like. (courtesy of Cowan auctions).



They were made in Staffordshire by various potteries. I do hope that we will be able to look for more of this mug next summer when we start digging again. Fingers crossed.

Erica Williamson
ACE Archaeology Club.
www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com and on Facebook



Design a litter poster

Could you design an eye-catching poster asking people not to drop litter? SCEnSus group hopes to produce a selection of posters to display on parish noticeboards, litter 'blackspots' and local fast food outlets asking people to take their litter home rather than dropping it.
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News from the Castle

Hi everyone

As I write, it is a gloriously cold, crispy and sunny morning and the garden at Drogo is starting to come back to life. I'm working from home though and, although my garden isn't quite up to the standard of Drogo, I have snowdrops in flower - definitely what I need to boost the energy levels.

It is tricky to write an update with any certainty at the moment. Like everyone, we are taking each day as it comes. The aim is that we will be able to re-open in the spring, subject to Government guidance and restrictions of course. Many staff are still on furlough and there is a reduced number of people on-site keeping on top of the essential tasks and those jobs that can't be done from home.

I was delighted to hear from our Collections and House team that they are busily working on the rooms on the Green Corridor. Using photographs from when the Drewe family owned and lived in the castle mid 20th century, we are carefully presenting the rooms as closely to the photos as possible. It is incredible how many items are still in the house and that warm and welcoming feeling is returning.

I shared with you before the work the Rangers are doing on the drive, felling some of the beech, especially those with severe squirrel damage. Most of the felling has now been cleared and tidied and the team are starting to interplant with young Scots pine.

To finish then, thank you to everyone who has been in touch saying how much they miss the garden and castle but are enjoying being able to walk locally through the gorge. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for all the latest opening information. Stay safe everyone!

Paula

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We have reached the half way point in the school year and the children continue to show their absolute commitment and resilience in the face of many upheavals and challenges. They have fully embraced the remote learning and have become experts in the technology needed to access the live teaching sessions and to keep in touch with their studies and their friends.

Our staff members have managed to co-ordinate their many roles to ensure that the school remains open to the children of vulnerable and critical workers. The full curriculum has been on offer with the addition of live PE lessons every week. The skilled teachers have delivered the perfect balance of work and play, through art, music and creativity to harmonise the many emotions.

The children at home have continued to learn remotely and have taken advantage of our beautiful Surroundings, making the best of the weather to keep mentally and physically healthy. The school has provided the support needed for all individual circumstances and has taken the necessary steps to provide additional care when and where necessary. Together we have done the absolute best for our children and will continue to do so once the return to school is announced.

The children recently took part in a week of activities to mark Children's Mental Health. This culminated in the children dressing to express themselves on the final day. They also took part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch and had the opportunity to enter a competition to design Creative Earth.

Our children are faced with challenges but remain positive and engaged. They are becoming very astute at reading eyes and eyebrows, as faces are veiled behind masks more frequently.

On a positive note, spring is almost here, and vaccinations seem to be progressing very well, so I do hope that we can all return to some kind of normality very soon.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

Thursday 28th January	Peggy KEAST (74)	Bow Gospel Hall
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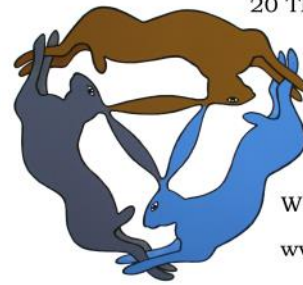
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