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From The Rectory

Please Remain Calm

"Subscription completed. Please remain calm." That was the message that flashed up on our TV screen after what seemed like half an hour of searching, scrolling, and passwords. "Death by log-in" we call it. Why is Amazon Prime telling me to remain calm? Don't you hate annoying and unnecessary messages like that! They are in the category of modern irritants alongside mobile phone updates, unskippable adverts, pointless tannoy announcements, average speed cameras, and being asked if you accept cookies or not (I'm still annoyed that you don't get an actual cookie when you click "accept all.") Maybe I do need to be told to remain calm.

Anyway, for our viewing pleasure that particular evening we selected the next episode of the brilliant HBO drama "Chernobyl". Yes – that Chernobyl. If the annoying Amazon consumer advice had not disturbed my calm enough, the programme certainly did. I needed 10 minutes of *The Repair Shop* to calm me down afterwards. However, there was one silver lining to our harrowing evening sitting on the sofa. There is nothing like a catastrophic nuclear disaster to take your mind off the present crisis.

Thankfully the present crisis is significantly easing now in the UK. As I write, it has just been announced that the country will take the third step on the roadmap out of lockdown on 17th May, and thanks to the vaccination programme, it looks like we will pass step 4 without a u-turn as well. One very welcome prospect at the end of the pandemic will be (hopefully) the reduction in silly advice. It really has felt as though we have all been treated like idiots at times over the last year; so much so, that when the "roadmap" first appeared in February, I was looking for the date for when the Government would allow me to think for myself once again.

Having said that, Boris has just announced we can hug our friends and relatives again. Perhaps the pool of silly advice has not been drained quite yet. My children's reactions were priceless though... "Yay! Huggles with Granny!" (Olivia aged 6). "That's weird." (Emily aged 10). "Do I have to?" (Samuel aged 12). Out of the mouth of babes...

Okay, yes... some people have constantly needed reminders of the restrictions. In fact, I should be included in that number too. I thought I knew how to wash my hands. But my daughters quickly showed me a better way. "You didn't wash your thumbs Daddy!" There have also been plenty reported incidents of rules being flouted and covid-risky liberties being taken. But after a year of restrictions, most of them necessary, one does feel rather over-advised and robbed of the ability to make a sensible personal decision. The levels of public compliance have been extraordinary. I suppose that is what fear does. But

we must remember that ordinary civil liberties have been hard won in this country, such that law-abiding people can live their lives with freedom of speech and conscience, and freedom to assess their own levels of risk. This is one reason why we as churches have continually offered worship in person in church whenever it has been permitted. We have wanted to keep the decision in the minds of worshippers, not making that decision for them by remaining closed.

One possible consequence of covid, the Government's response to it, and the high-levels of public compliance is that we end up with a more risk averse society, where people and organisations will be more reticent to do things without the rubber stamp of authority. I wouldn't welcome that as I think it would quench ambition, restrict opportunities and limit freedom. As someone responsible for buildings and what happens in them, I haven't wanted to put people at risk, but at the same time I haven't wanted to take sensible decision making away from individuals either.

Are you making plans for this spring and summer? I hope you are. We are. We've got lots of family and friends to catch up with in person. It's my father's 80th birthday this month, so we are having a Zoom party on the actual day, and then a proper party later in the summer too. I hope you are filling the months ahead with long overdue meet ups, celebrations and shindigs. And I hope there is not a restriction or silly message in sight, except "please have fun."

Now that takes the biscuit! My calm has been disturbed again. I've got a mild ear infection at the moment, and I've just read the side of the bottle of eardrops. "Do not spray at someone else" it says. Ahhh! In fact, most of the accompanying leaflet seems to have been written for a complete imbecile. Lord, give me strength. However, I should come clean about Amazon Prime, though. Having watched episode 2 of *Chernobyl*, and ranted about the silly "please remain calm" message, my son flicked the remote control and said, "No Dad. That's the name of the episode. You subscribed to an episode called 'Please Remain Calm'". Who feels like an imbecile now?

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New Chair and Vice-Chair of North Tawton Town Council

At its recent Annual Meeting, members of NTTC voted for a new Chair of the Council further to Cllr. Whiteley deciding not to stand for the post of Chair this year. Cllr. Jean Trehitt was elected as Chair, and Cllr. Whiteley agreed to stand for Vice-Chair and was duly elected.

Cllr. Trehitt has previously chaired the Council's Estates Committee, and also the Neighbourhood Plan Group, which successfully delivered our town plan – see the article below about the recent referendum.

Full details as to membership of Council Committees for the coming year can be viewed on our website and are posted on our town centre noticeboard.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Success

North Tawton residents have resoundingly endorsed the town's Neighbourhood Plan.

Those who took part in the Referendum on 6th May voted by a huge majority (87% to 12%) to accept the plan which will now become a tool in planning decisions made by the local planning authority (West Devon Borough Council). A simple majority was all that was needed.

The volunteer group of councillors and local residents who drew up the plan is delighted at the result. It means that when considering planning applications for future development of the town and surrounding area, West Devon Borough Council must take into account the policies that have been decided by local people during the consultation that has taken place over recent years.

Jean Trehitt, who chaired the group, said:

"It's great that people have seen that the Neighbourhood Plan is an important document when it comes to shaping the future for us all. West Devon needs to consider it when they are making decisions and we know that they will. We can't guarantee that everything in the Plan will be delivered, but the Plan itself is a guarantee that our voices will be heard. A big thank you to those who came out and voted for it."

You can read the Neighbourhood Plan online at www.northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Meetings – no longer being held remotely via Zoom

The legislation which allowed council meetings to be held remotely has now expired, and meeting must now be held face to face. Social distancing must still be observed and this is not possible in the confines of the Council Office. We are very grateful to North Tawton Bowling Club which has kindly allowed the Council to use their clubhouse for meetings; this will be for the foreseeable future. Please refer to each agenda to check the location of meetings just in case there are any changes to venues. The Town Clerk advises that appropriate advice has been sought as to whether we can hold council meetings at the Bowling Club, and it has been confirmed that we can. It will be interesting to finally hold face to face meetings again – although we may miss the amusement of the eternal cry of "You're on mute!"

North Tawton Annual Town Meeting

This recent meeting again had to be held via Zoom. The agenda was brief, as it is intended to call an informal Town Meeting in early Autumn, at which time it is hoped that this can be held in the Town Hall – residents will receive plenty of notification in due course.

Durant Trust

A meeting of the Durant Trust will be held by the end of July, a date will be set shortly. Please look out on our noticeboard and website for notification of this meeting. The Durant Trust can make grants to organisations for the benefit of residents of North Tawton. Organisations interested in applying are advised that new application forms will be issued, so do not apply using the old forms – again, notification of the new forms will be on our website and noticeboard in due course.

Sarah Say

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

There's a first time for everything. But if this is the very first time that you have picked up 'Roundabout' magazine and your eyes have alighted (should that be alit?) on this particular page then – a) you have my sympathy/apologies and absolute permission to flick back to the North Tawton Town Council page and b) you need to know that 'husband' (that is to say the deeply Devonian chap to whom I said 'I will' one fine July day) is also wedded to the humble spud. In fact, he'll be upset that I dared to call it 'humble'. For him, the potato season lasts pretty much for the entire year. January – they are chitting in the spare bedroom (no guests allowed whilst chitting is occurring) they chit through February and the beginning of March. Later in March they are planted. We then watch for the first signs of foliage breaking through the soil and prepare to protect them from any naughty frosts that could happen anytime until mid-May. The foliage is then carefully monitored throughout the spring/summer for any issues – especially the ol' potato blight. Harvesting is next. Accompanied by exclamations ranging from 'not enough rain – they're a bit on the small side' to 'blimey – look at the size of these – there'll be no spud famine this year'. Up they come, in to the potato sacks they go and then over to me to embrace all recipes potatoey for the rest of the year.

But something caught my eye recently. Something that husband was failing to incorporate into his ground preparation. According to Monty Don, when it's time to plant potatoes, the soil must be dry and not cold to touch. Sounds reasonable – but how can we check? Easy. Drop your trousers and sit bare-cheeked on the soil. Any 'farmer of old' would know this (and I'm sure would be more than happy to demonstrate.) Thank you, Monty. I have shared this vital gardening tip with husband. His look of disbelief was priceless. He seems to think that it's probably the farmer's wife that performs the soil temperature test as she would have more sensitive skin. I wish I'd never mentioned it.

Myths and legends. There must be some linked to the spud (see above) but there are a lot more linked to Dartmoor. Marilyn Bishop, our Zoom speaker, was brimming with them. Some of them were familiar – the story of Jay's Grave, a young unmarried housemaid who was betrayed by her lover and took her own life. She was buried near Manaton in unconsecrated ground and at a crossroads so her spirit could not find it's way back to the parish. Fresh flowers are regularly laid on her grave but who puts these flowers there? Nobody knows.

Marilyn had plenty to say about pixies and their mischievous antics at Ockery clapper bridge near Princetown and how about the legend of The Hairy Hands? A pair of disembodied hands that suddenly appear and grab the steering wheel when you're driving at night on the road between Postbridge and Two Bridges. You want witches? Dartmoor has them too. How about Vixana, who lived at the foot of Vixen Tor and would conjure up thick swirling mists to confuse unwary travellers who would lose their way and fall into nearby mires and bogs. Marilyn skipped (like a pixie) from one myth to another – you could say we were spellbound.

Just enough room to wish good luck to the yet to be announced winners of our weekly May Draw. The theme this month? 'Muggy May' – a pretty and practical RHS bone china mug, containing a heavily disguised teabag. But this is not just any teabag. This is a Miles teabag. You'll get two decent strength brews out of that. Go on then – put the kettle on,

Sue Knott

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Our meetings, at 2 p.m., on Zoom are open to anyone who would like to join us. Our speakers for the next few months until our face to face meetings recommence (hopefully in August) are:

The Shakespearean actor, Peter Harding and his wife Liz Crowther (Daughter of Lesley Crowther) talking on their lives in the theatre and on tv. (June 2nd)

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 <p>September</p>	 <p>October</p>	 <p>November</p>	 <p>December</p>
<p>11th – Family Fun Day with Music 11th – Coffee Morning – Devon Historic Churches Day 24th – Harvest Festival & Supper</p>	<p>30th - Pumpkin Trail</p>	<p>11th – Armistice Day Service 13th - Countryfile Children in Need Footpath Ramble 14th – Remembrance Service</p>	<p>6/11th - Christmas Cheer & Santa’s Grotto</p>

News from Sampford Courtenay

Maybe we’re getting back to a more ‘normal’ month as activities begin to climb out of the lockdown. Let us hope that we now have the pandemic under control and that the positive effect of the vaccinations may be felt worldwide.

The virtual world continued through May with Bingo on Monday nights, thanks to the parish council, and a monthly Singalong thanks to Rick and Heather Gordon. St. Andrew’s is coming back to life with Rogation Sunday celebrated on 11th May by 20 parishioners walking along the lane to Honeychurch, blessing the crops, and livestock on the way, plus the soil, water courses and the folk who farm the land. It was led by the Revd Rita Bullworthy. Takeaway refreshments were served in the churchyard. On Thursday 13th May Ascension Day was celebrated in the churchyard by the Revd Nick Weldon and a gathering of 15 enjoyed takeaway coffee and biscuits.

On 17th April a muffled peel rang at 2.30 p.m. prior to the Duke of Edinburgh’s funeral at 3 p.m..

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Sat July 17 th	The Countryman	Traybakes/ Biscuits	Jams/Preserves	Decorated Jam Jar
Sat July 24th	The Square	Fruit Cake	Sausage Rolls	Something from an old sock.
Sat July 31st	Sampford Chapple	Sponge	Chutneys/ Pickles	Something made using handprints
Sat 7 th Aug	The Square	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Pasties	Small bug hotel or bird feeder
Sat 14 th Aug	The Beeches	Fairy Cakes	Quiches/Meat Pies	Homemade Game

Sat 21st August 2 p.m. – in The Square and Village Green

50p Entry fee for each item entered in following classes.

1. Longest Carrot
2. Longest Runner Bean
3. Heaviest Marrow/Squash
4. Heaviest Potato
5. Heaviest Crop from one Seed Potato (Bucket Challenge) including the **Peat-free Bucket Challenge (50p Entry fee already paid with your £1 for bucket and seed potato)**
6. Longest Dock leaf
7. Photo – **Bugs, Bees or Butterflies – pollinators at work in your garden.**
8. Scarecrow Trail
9. Door Step planted Floral Container
10. Limerick – “Working from Home” or “Home Schooling” theme
11. Tallest Sunflower
12. Children’s Photo – **Going or Growing Wild**
13. Children’s Painted Pebble/Stone creation
14. Children’s **Recycled item for the Garden** – Planter; Bird Feeder, sculpture.

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The Royal British Legion will celebrate its Centenary on Saturday 17th July from 10-12.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

If you have any artefacts or mementoes we could borrow for a display, or if you would like to do your own display then please contact Monica Simons on 01837 82368

**Little Seedings toddler group
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News from the Castle

There is lots to update you on this month. The exciting news is that after 8 years we have said a fond farewell to the builders and we are no longer a building site! This is a momentous occasion and it is truly wonderful to see the castle looking like a family home again – albeit a rather grand one. As I write, we are getting ready to re-open the Castle on Monday 17 May. We are using a booking system for people to book their timed entry ticket – please look at our website for details. The team here is so excited to share the collection items and rooms that have been hidden during the building work. I had a walk around today and it is looking stunning.

It is joyous to see more volunteers returning too and it won't be long until they are once again sharing the stories of Castle Drogo inside the house. We are looking for people to join the team helping us to re-open the castle and welcome visitors back. If you would like to find out more about volunteering in the castle, please do get in touch.

The garden is looking glorious with the crab apple trees in full blossom and flower buds on the wisteria promising a stunning display very soon. It has been so lovely to see people wandering through the garden over the past few weeks, enjoying the space, the beauty and the opportunity to see other human beings – in a socially distanced way of course.

Out on the estate, you may remember that I mentioned back in 2019 that we were going to thin the large Beech trees along the castle drive. These trees were very large and very close together and, being beech, suffering from lots of damage by grey squirrels. The aim was to thin them to increase light levels, underplant with young trees, whilst allowing the remaining large trees room to spread. This work was completed over the winter and I was pleased to see the newly planted trees starting to grow already and the ground under the trees starting to come back to life now it is getting light. Take care everyone,

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Bondleigh Rainfall

April started cold and continued cold for the rest of the month with many mornings white with frost. The 'Blackthorn Winter' certainly lived up to it's name this year. As well as cold it has been exceptionally dry with small amounts of rain on only five days. With continuing climate change I fear redundancy could be looming. However perhaps a change in May will put me back in business! The total rainfall for April was only 13mm. I thought this must be a record, but after trawling back through my annual sheets of interesting figures I found that April 2007 had only 10mm.

As I write this the wind is blowing, it's raining and it's cold.
You've guessed, it's Bank Holiday Monday!

Danny Semorad



SCEnSUS

The Sampford Courtenay Environment and Sustainability (SCEnSus) Group is keen to hear how you're getting on with our monthly challenges. If you can share your thoughts about January's New Year Challenges (and how your household is getting on with them!) or any of our other monthly challenges, we'd like to hear from you. Why not join us for one of our Zoom meetings to find out more? Details are on the S.C. Website or by email if you've signed up. Sampford Courtenay SCEnSus June Monthly Challenge - Enjoy and reflect By now, you should have done quite a bit to change what you do within your household that will make things better. Hopefully, you can enjoy the Summer and feel good about this ... as well as reviewing your New Year's resolutions from January to see how you're doing. If you didn't see these or can't remember them then please look on the S.C. Website where you'll find them together with a lot of other information about wildlife and climate issues. How much and how often are you using your lawnmower this year? Remember that using your lawnmower for an hour produces the same emissions as driving a car for a hundred miles. Worth leaving that wildflower strip uncut for lots of reasons – save time, money and the planet ... all at the same time! If you see wildlife in your garden or in meadows and other habitats within Devon during the month you could record it on the Devon Wildlife Trust website. Here you will find the 'Devon Biodiversity Record Centre' and they're carrying out a census-type survey of wildlife in the County (just like we did for ourselves in March!). Interestingly, people are more likely to use their system to record less usual wildlife so the current records, for example, suggests that there are more hedgehogs in Devon than brown rats... maybe we just don't like owning up to having rats. Anyway, it would be good if more of us could support them by recording what we see throughout the year. Use natural heat – the final part of this month's challenge is to ban the use of the tumble drier! Get organised with your laundry situation and watch the weather forecast to make best use of the fine, dry weather to dry most/ all of your washing ... and to continue this from now on whenever you can!



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Walking treasure hunt and takeaway cream teas

Saturday 12th June

The Guides are having a walking treasure hunt from 2.30 p.m. starting at Church Cottage, North Tawton -just bring a pen.

Cost: adult £1, child U14 50p

Fun for all the family and a walk around our lovely town. There will be takeaway cream teas available from 3 p.m. costing £2.50. Please remember a plastic box to take your tea home. You don't have to take part in the treasure hunt to have a cream tea. Proceeds for Guide funds.

Advance notice:

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are having a fete on Saturday 3rd July from 2 p.m. at the football field:

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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Full minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live. Plus check out our new [FACEBOOK](#) Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

SEAMOR 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 an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 26th April following distribution of a letter from an individual councillor asking parishioners to object to the current Planning Application for the Public Toilets. The Parish Council challenged several statements in the letter, which Parishioners had found misleading, and clarified the current position of the Project. The full Minutes of this meeting (+ video recording) are available from the Clerk by request.

SCPC – held its 6th May meeting virtually on Zoom with 6 parishioners also joining in. Government legislation says that parish councils' meetings have to resume to Face-to-Face meetings from 7th May – so the meeting on June 1st will be held in the Village Hall, following Covid guidelines. It is hoped that we will still be able to use Zoom for parishioners to follow the meeting from their homes.

MAY 6TH ELECTION – SCPC would like to thank all 4 candidates for standing for election this year, and congratulates new Councillors Philip Collins and Martin Morrissey.

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS/WALKERS – SCPC has received a number of complaints from landowners adjacent to the “Village Triangle” walk of bagged dog faeces being thrown over the hedges into their fields, thus endangering live stock. **The public are reminded that there is a dual-purpose litter bin sited at the Public Toilets where bagged dog mess can be deposited.**

VILLAGE GREEN POLL – was well supported and has been collated, with details on the Website. First priorities for SCEnSus are a Wild Flower Area, Bulb Planting and a Bug Hotel.

NEW INN RE-OPENING – SCPC was pleased to hear that new tenants plan to re-open the New Inn on 8th June.

REFURBISHED NOTICE BOARDS & COMMUNITY HUBS – a big “Thank You” to Dave Viggers and Mike Carpenter for undertaking the refurbishment and extension of the Noticeboards in the parish. This will give more space to enable parishioners and SCEnSus to advertise Environmental and Sustainable Tips, Events and Swaps etc.

PARISH PRIORITIES – have been up-dated for the coming year (full details on the website) with the addition of 3 new priorities – Re-opening of SC Station; Development of Village Green & Siting of the Defibrillator in the Square.

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.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.

Next meeting: June 1st.

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At last a light at the end of the green

It was with caution in a “virtual AGM” that was held on 8th August 2020 that the following was agreed :

The Officers, Post and Management Committee were voted in full from 2020. The only vacancy not filled was Vice-Captain to Jan Summers Club Captain and we are hoping someone will step forward.

A lot of work has been done on the Club House and surrounds but mainly on the green. This was done in lockdown by a few members under the supervision of Green Keepers Rob Arscott and Dave Cooper and Chairman John Kinsey maintaining social distancing at all times. We were assured all would look spick and span and welcoming when we opened on 19th April.

There was restricted bowling both in numbers and rinks but a booking system devised by Fixture Secretary, Gordon Denham, did at least let play commence.

Anita Lamey Club Secretary had said and I quote “All things being well, restrictions will cease from 21st June and a full fixture list and Club House will be open and the sun will shine.”

So now old and new members please filter back. There is always a welcome awaiting **plus** our new Hand Book (devised by Jan Summers) see photo (right) to let you know who is who, what is what and also how to play the great game of Bowls.

Mike Thwaites (President)
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The website is managed by **Julie Carpenter** who can be contacted on juliec2911@hotmail.co.uk

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I am very fortunate to take on the leadership of North Tawton Community Primary School. The school is in a wonderful location, with brilliantly committed staff and fabulous pupils. In my early weeks I have enjoyed getting to know children by visiting them in their classes hard at work, speaking with them during our assemblies and at lunch and playtimes. I have met some parents through our Friends of North Tawton meetings and I have tried to meet and greet as many as possible at the gate in the morning.

The staff are working hard to ensure all children are making progress and enjoying their learning. Life at school is slowly getting back to normal. We have been delighted to welcome back Rev Weldon and Wes Cutler to lead assemblies, our brilliant music tutors are resuming instrument lessons and we hope to have our Little Seedings toddlers group back soon.

We continue to have measures in place to maintain bubbles, wash and sanitise hands regularly and reduce sharing of resources as much as possible. Children remain in their bubbles for assemblies, lunches and playtimes. All staff have lateral flow tests twice a week and many staff have had their first jabs now, and some their second. As covid restrictions lift, we plan to resume community events in safe and compliant ways.

Some whole school highlights this term have been taking part in the 100 Challenge to raise money for the Captain Tom Foundation, sharing stories during our Pajamarama day and celebrating St. George's Day. The performing arts are a real strengths at the school. I have loved hearing and seeing children sing and dance to Pink's emotive 'What about Us?' brilliant line dancing to 'Cotton Eye Joe,' bold Bollywood moves to 'Jai Ho!' and a nostalgic rendition of Adam Ant's iconic 'Ant Music' with accompanying face paint of course!

As the weather has improved, we have been able to use our fabulous outdoor spaces for learning. Here are some snapshots of children making the most of our outdoor environment.



Do look at our school website and see the class blogs to follow what the children get up to each week.

I look forward to working with the wider community and keeping you updated each month. We have exciting plans for the future of the grounds, buildings and curriculum. There is a lot of hard work ahead but I am confident that we have the whole school and wider community behind us!

Tara Penny – Principal





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(from page 3):
Thank you for the following responses to the Rev'd Nick Weldon's mention last month of the tree planting at Eggesford. We have received these recollections from people who were actually there:

From Ken Bragg
"We were interested to read your article about Prince Philip in the Roundabout. Both Rhona and I were at Eggesford to see the Queen and Duke plant their trees. We both came by bus from our respective schools (Lapford and Winkleigh). It was a special day for me because it was on my 9th birthday. 65 years ago today."

And from Margaret Weeks
"I was quite young at the time and a friend and I had just passed our driving tests. So you can tell that we are getting on a bit now!! Anyway, one of us drove to Eggesford (I can't remember who) and we saw the Queen and Prince Philip plant the trees. I can't remember much about it except the beautiful colour blue hat and coat that the Queen was wearing. Anyway, we were there!! So hope this is of interest".



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