## ROUNDABOUT

North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Honeychurch - and beyond!





**December 2021 / January 2022** Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers





#### FROM THE FAR EAST...

Well, not quite. But Seaton, where I live, does seem a long way from North Tawton and the other three villages in the group of churches where I am doing my bit to help out during this period between Vicars.

Many readers know me, and there are a few whom I have known for decades, so I don't feel like an outsider. But many will not know my name, and I have never written for "Roundabout" before. So very briefly: I am a retired Church of England priest. With my late wife we moved to Devon, where we already had friends, over ten years ago. Since being here, I have contributed my small service to several churches, when needed, and thoroughly enjoy meeting and spending time with the people who welcome me in.

The last two years have been turbulent, to say the least, for us all. For some they have been sad, even tragic. For many they have been hugely stressful - for individuals struggling to keep their job, for families unable to enjoy the times together which they had been used to, for businesses wondering whether they would survive... the list could go on. For our churches the initial prohibition to meet at all, and then the strict limitations on what we were permitted to do, were very, very painful.

And the disappointments! Last December we were planning a Christmas together in families. Yes, there were some limitations, but we looked forward to a few days of together-time. In church, we managed some carol

services, radically re-shaped from the traditional, but still a celebration of the birth of Jesus. And then the door was slammed, and mostly the family plans had to be scrapped at short notice.

As you read this, we are moving into another December, with family plans, church plans, personal plans and hopes. And (as I write this in mid-November) it does seem that the plans might actually come to pass. All the churches will have their carol services. Families will come together and enjoy food, fellowship and gifts. Rejoice! It will be a great mid-winter celebration.

But for many of us, it will be more than a celebration of a return to normality. We may have a lot of questions about the details of the story, but we will celebrate the simple fact that a baby, to be named Jesus (which means "God rescues"), was born, and that he grew up to be just about the most influential and life-changing man ever to walk the planet. I shall be doing my bit to help that celebration over the weeks. And in my heart praying that some people, who have maybe been hurting over these past two years, will find a new sense of peace and purpose.

May God's rich blessings be yours this Christmas and New Year!

Revd. John Courtie

# Christmas Services 2021

#### **St Peter's North Tawton**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6:30pm \*19<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service 11am \*Christmas Eve Nativity Service 4pm \*Christmas Day Family Service with Communion 11am

Do not fear. I bríng GOOD NEWS of GREAT JOY for all people.

Luke 2:10

#### St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay

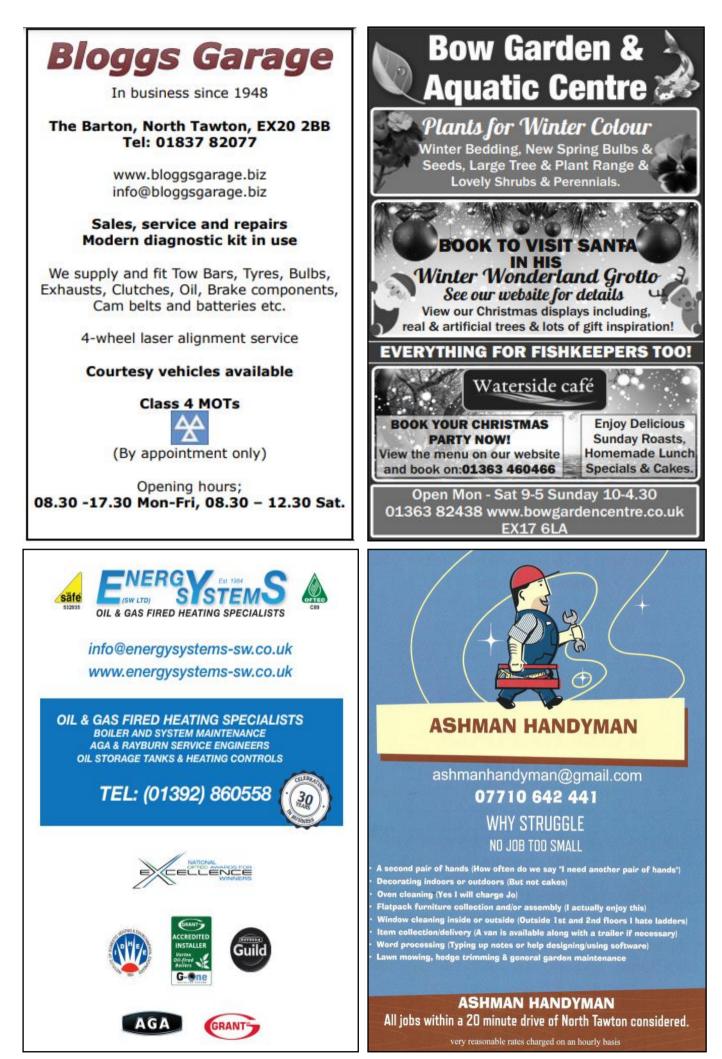
\*5<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service 9:30am 19<sup>th</sup> December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6:30pm Christmas Day Communion 9:30am

#### St James' Bondleigh

19<sup>th</sup> December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 4:30pm Christmas Eve Late Night Communion 10pm

St Mary's Honeychurch 19<sup>th</sup> December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 3:00pm

\*all age service



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13:30 to 14:15					
SATURDAY monthly		<b>Be Still</b> A short informal monthly service of themed			
No service in December January 8th 2022		prayers, reflections & readings and creating space to dwell in the presence of God			
NORTH TAWTON The S 10:00 to 12:00	quare	St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay Fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m.			
Library Membership is FREE. Join at any age - no lower age limit (toddlers can join!).		The next date is: Thursday Jan 27th 2022 (There will be no Be Still in December)			
		Tuesday			
Spring Term 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> Session back – 13 <sup>th</sup> Januray)					
Toys, craft, games, activities, making new friends and lots of FUN for LITTLE ONES. Tea/coffee, biscuits, time to relax, chat and make new friends for PARENTS.		Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m 12 noon in the Mortimer Room, St. Peter's Church For more information contact Carol Flowers 01837 851841 December 7th January 11th and 25th 2022			
THURSDAYS 9.15am-11am during term time in the church and Mortimer Room St Peter's Church					
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#### **Cemetery – Remembrance Day Poppies and Christmas Wreaths**

May I please remind residents of the following item within the NT Cemetery Regulations: "Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths may be laid, and these should be removed after a period of not more than two months." This means that if Christmas Wreaths are not removed by the end of February 2022, they will be removed by the Council, as they will have faded by this time. Any poppies or poppy wreaths will be removed at the same time. The Council wants to move towards having the Cemetery plastic free, and the Regulations will be amended to reflect this in due course. Meanwhile, we ask residents to try to obtain Christmas Wreaths that do not contain plastic, thank you.

#### NTTC Climate Working Group

At its ordinary meeting in September, the Council agreed to form a Climate Working Group. The former NTTC Nature Group has now been changed to be an outside independent group. However, it was considered that a small working group is still needed to progress NTTC climate initiatives, and three councillors volunteered for this. The group has held its first meeting and will be working to determine the carbon footprint of the Council as an initial task.

#### 'A Winter like no other' - contacting the NHS

The NHS is encouraging the public to use NHS 111 online to get urgent medical advice quickly – in addition to existing services – ahead of what England's top doctor says will be a 'winter like no other'. More people are predicted to suffer from 'flu this year and hospitals are already treating an increased number of COVID-19 patients - NHS 111 offers an alternative way to get immediate medical advice. Dial 111 from your phone or go online – type 111.nhs.uk into your browser to access the online form.

#### EMERGENCIES – don't go via 111 but dial 999 for life-threatening medical emergencies.

#### Community Assets – necessary repair works

NTTC has a legal responsibility to maintain the community assets of the Town Centre Carpark, Cemetery and St. Peter's Churchyard. A structural survey was carried out in July 2021, and a number of high priority repairs and maintenance issues were identified.

#### (Copies of the surveys are available from the Clerks upon request.)

At its meeting on 2nd November 2021, following a tender exercise to obtain quotes for works identified by the survey, NTTC approved the appointment of suitably qualified contractors to carry out the works in the Spring of 2022 using monies held in Council reserves.

NTTC will budget for the ongoing associated high maintenance costs of these Community Assets and the Memorial Park each year, to ensure provision for future identified maintenance in accordance with an inspection regime and risk assessment.

#### **Tree Survey and Tree Works**

If you get your "Roundabout" in time – tree works will take place in the Memorial Park over the weekend of 27-28 November. An up-to-date survey has recently been undertaken for all trees for which the Council is responsible, and it is likely that further works will be necessary at various locations during 2022 – we'll keep you informed.

#### **Snow Wardens and Grit Bins**

We will assume that all existing Snow Wardens will continue to volunteer unless we hear otherwise, and we do thank you for all your help. If any of you, or indeed any resident, sees that salt is needed in any of the grit bins please contact the Town Council – thank you.

#### **Christmas Waste and Recycling Collections**

We'll put the details on our website and on our town centre noticeboard.

#### The Members and Employees of NTTC wish all residents and visitors a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Sarah Say

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#### North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

And the award for 'Inspirational Speaker Who Talked About Recycling, Decluttering and a Journey to Zero Waste' (sorry – bit of a clunky title) – goes to Louise Thurlbeck. Yes, <u>you</u> Louise. It was brilliant. Simply brilliant. We are still talking about it. I am now the proud owner of a tea strainery thingy that sits perfectly in a mug alongside my tea caddy of <u>loose-leaf</u> tea. I am saving my 'stretchy' plastic and biscuit wrappers (of course I only buy one or two packets of biscuits a year) in preparation for a trip to the Co-Op in Okie. And – I am looking in to 'soap nuts' and 'eco eggs' Are you impressed? Husband thinks we're going to save loadsa money. I haven't told him (yet) that his underwear drawer is soon to be decluttered. I'm saving that for a day when he's really busy. I don't think he would share my eagerness in scattering the contents over the carpet and sorting items into a pile to keep and a pile to go. No. He needs to be heavily occupied with his impact driver/ post knocker/rotavator on that particular day.

Back to Louise. Her journey to zero waste took her through every room in the house looking at how she could do things differently thereby reducing waste – with an emphasis on avoiding plastic. Starting in the kitchen – she uses Pyrex containers with lids for freezing and reheating food. The family will also take a container to buy their takeaway food thus avoiding the need to bring home polystyrene/plastic boxes. Want to cut down on the amount of kitchen roll you use? Louise puts hers at the back of a cupboard so it's difficult to get at – and uses a washable cloth instead. She now buys ONE kitchen roll a year. She lines her cake tins with re-usable liner – wipe it clean after baking and, like Louise's, it could last you five years. Use inner packets from cereal boxes to freeze food rather than buying freezer bags. Moving into the bathroom – Louise uses shampoo bars, 'naked soap' and natural or crystal deodorants. Cleaning products consist of white vinegar, lemon juice or bicarbonate of soda. All simple swops that are reducing plastic and waste.

Couldn't not mention Christmas as even the festive celebration hasn't escaped Louise's journey to zero waste. For Louise it's all about home made edibles and drinks, wrapped in brown paper, tissue paper or a pretty scarf that can then be used by the recipient. A quick look at decluttering – using the contents of President Jan's sock drawer for demonstration purposes – brought our inspirational session to a close. Want to know more? Get a copy of 'Spark Joy' by Marie Kondo – An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up. Not sure if it covers sheds full of 'that'll come in 'andy' stuff.

Apparently our W.I. Christmas party is looming. It only feels like a couple of months since the last one. I think someone nicked August and September when I wasn't looking. Time to dig out my compilation of mince pie recipes. I have 32. You may well ask if 32 different recipes are really necessary and I would look at you in a scornful and disdainful way and say 'yes they are'. I would then put the oven on and bake another dozen just to make a point. Husband would then sigh and tell me that he'll help me out by eating a few every day as he cannot bear to see me looking scornful and disdainful. (I don't think he knows what 'disdainful' means but that's irrelevant).

And finally. A quick thank you. To our fabulous W.I. You're the best. Happy Christmas to you all. May your fairy lights survive Christmas without so much as a flicker.

Oh – and one more quick thank you. To husband. For being a never-ending source of material for my W.I. Ramblings. Have another mince pie. *Sue Knott* 

Do you like the sound of what we do? North Tawton W.I. meets on the first Wednesday of the month at North Tawton Rugby Club at 2 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact our President, Jan Gray on 01837 880418

#### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club 2.30 p.m. Sampford Courtenay Village Hall



13th December Christmas Celebration

10th January 2022 Club Lunch at Tom Cobley

For more information contact the Chairman, Nancy Passmore on 01837 54849

#### **Body Shop Party**

on Wednesday 24th November. The Guides are having a Body Shop Party in the Mortimer Room in the Church from 7pm.

Everyone welcome, come along and pick up some Christmas gifts, usually with some good discounts !



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Christmas Memorial Service

We would like to invite anyone who has lost a loved one to join us for a Christmas Memorial Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3 p.m. at Charter Hall, Okehampton. It will be led by two wonderful celebrants Grace Jevons and Sally Berryman and we will light a candle in memory of your loved one, place memorial messages upon the tree and read out the names of those we are remembering. Okehampton Community Transport can help you with travelling to and from the service. There will be refreshments afterwards so please call us on 01837 52847 or email <u>okefunerals@psw.coop</u> for more information or if you would like to attend so we have numbers for catering. All are welcome.





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#### News from Sampford Courtenay

Bulbs in memory of Tim Edwards were planted in the Village Green on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

A pumpkin trail was laid out through the village for the evening of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

An illustrated talk was given in the village hall, to a sell-out audience on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, showing the successful rescue of 13 boys and their football coach from caves in Thailand. £900 was raised for the village hall roof.

A memorial service for John Horn of Trecott was held at St. Andrew's church, and afterwards at North Tawton Rugby Club, on Friday  $22^{nd}$  October. John died on  $11^{th}$  June 2020 but his memorial service was delayed because of Covid restrictions. A collection was taken and £660 raised which will be shared between Cancer Research and the Injured Jockeys Fund.

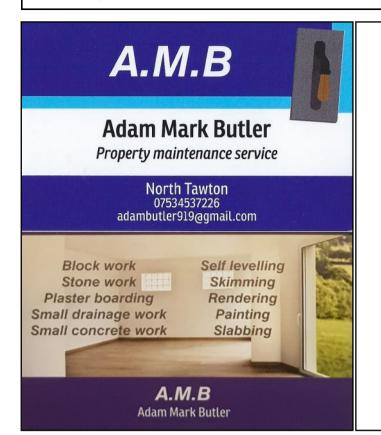
Charlie and Ralph Goundry held their annual conker competition in the garden of the New Inn and the winner was John Palmer.

Filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Children's project, were dedicated at a service at St. Andrew's on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, by Wes Cutler. Many thanks to those who so generously filled their shoeboxes. The boxes destinations will be known in due course.

Nicky Craig

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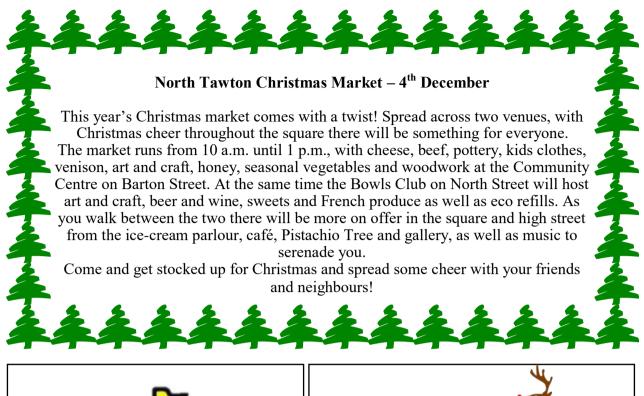
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 $11^{\text{th}}$  December – 10am to 12.30  $12^{\text{th}}$  February 2022 – 10am to 12.30

There will be no event in January. At the Community Centre, Barton Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HN For more information go to <u>https://fb.me/NTRepairCafe</u>



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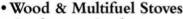
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 December – Willow weaving, am or pm sessions
 December – Village Hall AGM, 7.30 p.m.
 December – Games afternoon, 3–5 p.m.
 December – Christmas Cheer, 2–5 p.m.
 January – Come, buy and chat, 10.30–11.30 a.m.
 January – Curry night, 7 p.m.
 February, dates tbc – Film night Talk by Paul Crisp
 June 2022 – Summer Ball

Please visit the parish website <u>www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk</u> for full details of the events nearer the time.

Games afternoon Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Sunday, 5 December 3–5 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of various games – cards, board games etc. Games will be available, but you are most welcome to bring your own Refreshments Entry £2 Please see sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk for more details

Sampford Courtenay

Carol Singing at The Beeches at 6.30pm and afterwards in The Square 22<sup>nd</sup> December. All welcome.

#### Sampford Courtenay

The bellringers will be ringing out the old year with a muffled peal at 11.45pm on New Year's Eve followed by an open peel, welcoming in the new year as the clock strikes midnight.

#### Sampford Courtenay's

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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#### In the Church Rooms

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

2pm - 4pm (Donations to stalls gratefully received)





#### Sampford Courtenay Advent Window Trail!

Following the success of several Scarecrow Trails, Pumpkin Trail, and last year's ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL throughout December - we're doing it again! So, If you have a window or garden visible from the road and would like to put up an Advent Window Display please let Marion know. Contact Marion on 01837 82285 or SCPCClerk@aol.com to be allocated a number from 1 -24 corresponding with the days of December. Reveal your window/display from the date you have been allocated. We'll endeavour to create a Trail Map so that you can walk around the village and check them all out with your family. FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – window will be on the Plant Stall in the Square – where we will again be serving Mince Pies and hot drinks and wishing parishioners a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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> CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER BAR: 12.00pm - 2.00pm NO FOOD

BOXING DAY SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER BAR: 12.00pm - 3.00pm NO FOOD

MONDAY 27th DECEMBER CLOSED

TUESDAY 28th DECEMBER BAR: 11.00am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm FOOD: 12.00pm - 2.30pm & 6.00pm - 9.00pm

WEDNESDAY 29th DECEMBER BAR: 11.00am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm FOOD: 12.00pm - 2.30pm & 6.00pm - 9.00pm THURSDAY 30th DECEMBER BAR: 11.00am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm FOOD: 12.00pm - 2.30pm & 6.00pm - 9.00pm

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#### News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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

<u>SEAMOOR LOTTO</u> – 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 <u>https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council</u>

- **1. SCPC** –on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Oct held their meeting in the Village Hall with 6 Councillors attending in person and 1 via Zoom and 2 members of the public.
- 2. Dog Fouling and Dogs-on-leads after further incidents of dogs fouling the roads and footpaths around the parish, and incidents of dogs being allowed off the lead Parishioners were reminded to check the West Devon rules on their website <u>https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/4117/Dog-Fouling</u>
- **3. Defibrillator –** Listed Building Consent has now been approved by WDBC and SCPC are in the process of adopting the Telephone Kiosk in the square in which to fit the Defibrillator.
- **4. Snow Plan and Resillience Plan** have been up-dated and can be downloaded from the Website. <u>https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/sampford-courtenay-resilience-plan</u>
- **5. Plant Stall -** will be removed from the Square and taken into storage for the winter and re-launched in the spring.
- Broadband/Mobile Coverage Survey a Working Party was set up under the Chairmanship of Cllr. M Morrissey. A group of volunteers will soon be visiting each property in the parish to discuss the current Broadband options.
- 7. Public Toilets because of Health & Safety reasons, the Ladies Toilets have been closed until the roof can be refurbished and made safe. Until then, the Gents Toilets will become a Unisex facility.
- **8. Christmas Greetings –** Sampford Courtenay Parish Council wishes all parishioners and readers of Roundabout a Happy and Peaceful Christmas Season.

GET SCPC & PARISH NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX - the best way to keep up to date is to sign up for emails via Julie and the Website

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

Next meetings 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021, 4th January 2022

Sampford Courtenay Community Calendar 2021 /2022 All Events subject to Covid Guidelines at time of Event

January
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Games Afternoon
$15^{\text{th}}$ – Come, Buy and Chat.
NEXT YEAR
24 <sup>th</sup> June 22 – Summer Ball.





Christmas Coffee Morning at St James' Church - Saturday, 11th December at 10 a.m.

Come along to our beautifully decorated Church and catch up with friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a coffee and mince pie.

Hazel and Sonia will be selling a variety of Christmas floral decorations for your table, door etc., there will also be cake and bric-a-brac stalls offering a variety of delightful goodies to tempt you and Lin will be running her Christmas draw, with lots of prizes to be won!!

St James' Christmas Carol Service - Sunday, 19th December at 4.30 p.m.

This delightful service will be led by Rev'd John Courtie and followed by tea and mince pies.

Late Night Communion Service - Christmas Eve at 10. p.m.

Rev'd. Tim Newcombe will lead this service which will be the only late night service in the benefice.

Sampford Courtenay Parish Website: http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/

The website is managed by Julie Carpenter who can be contacted on juliec2911@hotmail.co.uk or admin@sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 07866 605184

#### **READING GROUP**

Normally meets on the last Tuesday of the MONTHLY 7.30 p.m. AT THE NEW INN for further information or to join CONTACT ISHBEL ASKEW 0183782280 ishgordon@live.co.uk

#### **Bondleigh Rainfall**

October has been a month of extremes. The rain at the end of September continued into October giving just over 40mm. in first five days. Then ten days dry giving some beautiful autumn days. From the 18th to the end of the month there was rain on most days, some very heavy.

Total rainfall was 144.6mm. This compares almost exactly with last year when the total was 147.2mm Danny Semorad



Little Seedlings Playgroup North Tawton Primary School Hall Every Tuesday during term-time 9am - 11am For babies & toddlers 0 - 4 yrs Admission £2 per family payable at the door

St. Andrew's Sampford Courtenay

**Patronal Festival** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 11a.m. **Bishop Nick McKinnel** *This will be the only service in the Benefice* Cheese and Wine

#### The Guides Christmas Coffee Morning

11th December North Tawton Town Hall from 10.00 - 11.30am. Various stalls including homemade cakes, a draw, hamper, tombola, Christmas stall. Proceeds for Guide funds.

#### Church Services in the Benefice during December and January

Please see page 3 for December and Christmas services.

There will be no morning services in December on the days when Carol Services are held. In both December and January, every effort is being made to keep service times as normal (see page 31) but, if in doubt, please check with your local Church Warden.

There will be NO SERVICES anywhere in the Benefice on Sunday, 26th December.

On Sunday, 2nd January, there will be ONLY ONE SERVICE for the whole Benefice—a Communion service at Sampford Courtenay at 9.30 a.m.

(As "Roundabout" goes to press, fuller details about January services are not yet available.)

#### THANK YOU

Our Charity Tea Dance held on the 3rd October this year in aid of the North Tawton British Legion and in memory of my father Alf Bolt, raised £361 in total.

Thank you to these lovely companies who gave us prizes for our raffle. They deserve praise indeed when everyone is suffering economically in these strange times.:

Torquay Museum Angels Salon Frocks in Swing Time - Exeter Adams of Crediton Barzotelli Gelato Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth Just one look North Tawton Post Office RHS Rosemoor - Torrington Castle Drogo TBM Belt maker - Exeter Ernest Jackson Crediton Occasions Okehampton Taw Valley Creamery N T Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton British Legion North Tawton Branch Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum

Also a thank you to Jen's Kitchen for supplying the Scones and to the British Legion ladies for the expert tea making. A cheque was handed to Monica for the North Tawton British Legion on Sunday 14th November .

Jane & Derek, South West Lindy Hoppers.

www.swlindyhoppers.org.uk

#### From the Parish Records

Not many folk climb up into the organ gallery at St. Peter's Church in North Tawton and perhaps even those who do pay no attention to the wooden panel on its northern wall which tells of an ancient act of charity:

"1826. William Clapp of the city of Exeter gentleman by his will dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 1821 gave to John Blackall Doctor of Physic and Pitman Jones Solicitor the capital stock of 200£ 3% Consolidated Bank Annuities upon Trust for ever yearly on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day to apply the net dividend thereof in purchase of Bread or Fuel or both and to distribute the same amongst such of the poor parishioners of the several parishes of St. Petroc, North Tawton and Monkokehampton (in the proportion of one third to each parish) as the respective vicars curates or other officiating ministers for the time being of the same three parishes should think the fittest and most deserving of charity."

Today, we live in a welfare state which in theory offers support to the poorest of its citizens. It is sobering to think that in 1826 there were citizens so wretchedly placed that their pride would not have stood in the way of accepting this rare seasonal help.

The words "in theory" are a reminder that in our day of the twenty-first century there are those for whom need remains despite the provisions of our welfare state. Many thanks to those who have continued to offer support through the Food Bank operating in Okehampton during the past year. The box in the porch of St. Peter's in North Tawton remains in place for contributions and Christmas is a good time to think of others as William Clapp did in the past. We don't have to wait until we make a will. The food box is there. (see page 32)

William must have had associations with the three parishes mentioned and been a successful "gentleman" to have willed such a sum. £200 was worth a great deal more in 1826 than now. It would be interesting to know for how long his executors were able to continue following his wishes and what happened for the bequest to end. The Vicar at St. Peter's (before he moved to Oxfordshire) assured me he was no longer obliged to pick out the "fittest and most deserving of charity" on the Sunday after Christmas day. He and we can be grateful he was spared that task.





#### Spectacular Santa run returns to RHS Rosemoor

Children's Hospice South West's spectacular Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle will be returning to RHS Garden Rosemoor, near Great Torrington, on Sunday, December 5th.

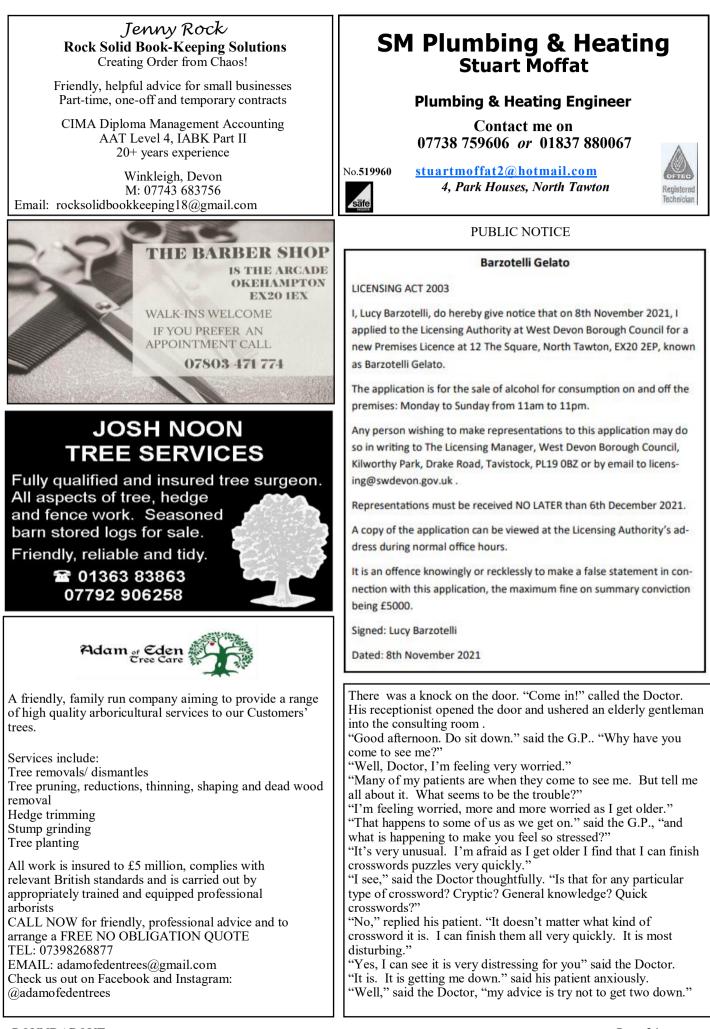
The festive, fun 2k course is suitable for all ages and abilities and there will be plenty of festive treats and surprises to enjoy along the way.

"It's the perfect way to get everyone in the mood for Christmas and raise a few pounds for your local children's hospice," said CHSW fundraiser Emma Perry.

Tickets are £10 per adult, £5 per child (under twos are free). Visit <u>www.chsw.org.uk/santas</u> Join the Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle Facebook group: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/santasontherun</u>

Photograph: Tim Lamerton

OBTENAY P.	Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.
Raise funds for Roof-us	The latest meeting was held in Exbourne village hall on Thursday November 4th. The speakers were Titch and
Back by popular request!	Debbie Scott who gave a talk entitled 'A Lighthearted look at Dartmoor'. They showed slides of interest of Dartmoor,
	which included places where Tich takes people on trips in his 6 seater Land Rover. The very interesting slides covered pictures of churches, bridges, stone circles and of course, the Dartmoor ponies. They were thanked by Sally Kenealy.
CURRY NIGHT	The correspondence included Beauty and Pampering Days at Exeter College and a Bird Watching Trip on the River Exe. The Coffee Morning in Hatherleigh had not been a great success, as most of the time there were more members in the ball the members of the public.
at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall	in the hall than members of the public. It was decided to perhaps arrange a Jumble Sale next year. The visit to John Lewis in Exeter had been a great success with five
on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 7pm	members enjoying the evening out. Arrangements were made for the December meeting, which will start at 12 noon and include a Bring and Share Lunch,
Choice of curry, plus rice, poppadom & mango chutney£10.00	games and Carol singing. The next walk is to be at Meeth on November 26th with, we hope, good weather as the October walk was cancelled because of the conditions.
Drinks from bar, additional side dishes and desserts available at extra cost	The winner of Flower of the Month was Margaret Rook and the winner of the competition for a Souvenir of the
Last orders no later than 6pm Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January call Nicky 01837 880300 or email	Westcountry was Vera Collins.
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## Christingle Service

## Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

Refreshments after the service and a time for fellowship In aid of The Children's Society

### St Andrew's, <u>Sampford</u> Courtenay

### **Plough Sunday**

### Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January

at 9.30am

A Service of Holy Communion & the blessing of ploughs & seed

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Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 8.30pm

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Autumn at North Tawton Primary School

This is my favourite school term because although the days are getting colder, shorter and wetter, we have many exciting and important events in the school calendar.

The children at North Tawton have been an absolute credit to our community with their thoughtful discussions about Remembrance. They have written powerful poetry, imaginative diary entries as soldiers and produced stunning artwork. I was impressed with the respect our children showed on Armistice Day when we stood together outside and observed the silence at 11 a.m..

Earlier in November the older children learnt about Guy Fawkes and discussed democracy and treason, while the younger ones enjoyed making exciting firework art with paint and their fingers!

Autumn brings the Hindu festival of light; Diwali. A group of children from Chestnut Class helped me tell the story of Rama and Sita in assembly and Ash Class found out more about the story and its significance in the common theme of good versus evil and questioned the gender stereotypes in this and other traditional stories across our cultures. Nursery and Reception children designed mehndi patterns and made diva pots, and ate samosas, pakoras and bhajis in their Diwali celebration.

Later this term we will be learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukah, and of course we will enjoy the exciting build up to Christmas! I'm looking forward to the carols, nativity, decorations, and festivities. Do look at our newsletters and class blogs on the school website to see how much fun we are going to have!

Our Friends of North Tawton group has new leaders who are working hard with the group to honour North Tawton traditions including the wreath decoration competition and the printing of personal Christmas cards, and also plan new and exciting events for the future.

The North Tawton Virtual Christmas Market is accessible on Facebook. Please do have a look, this not only raises money for the school but also promotes and supports local businesses.

The Early Years external building project is coming on very well. I remain hopeful that this will be completed along with the Year 1 and 2 toilet refurbishment by the end of the Christmas holiday. I am looking forward to sharing the completed project with you in the new year.

I wish all of the North Tawton community, friends and families a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to coming together in person for lots of celebrations and events in 2022.

Tara Penny Principal of North Tawton Community Primary School and Nursery













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ACE Archaeology Club.

We did dig this year! Although with temperatures now heading down towards the minus mark, our two weeks in the sun seems like a long time ago. Despite being a smaller than usual group we managed to get a surprising amount done. The director was pleased, and that isn't easy!! Nor did we lose any days to the rain. The Health and Safety person did have to exert her authority on one occasion because it was so hot. Had to call a water and shade break on the last day when we were trying to get everything put away and covered up. Packing up is hard to do. Tents need taking down and the trench needs to be covered to discourage weeds and try to prevent damage from deer and other animals over the winter. Now we have finds to sort and all the drawings and photos to sort and the director must write the Interim.

We had fewer finds than usual this year but did find interesting walls.

That is an interesting wall (right) You will have to take my word for it. It has a lot of plaster facing it and it is good to find that still in place.





We also had a mystery object. (left)

This was removed with a lot of soil around it to keep it from breaking up. Later excavation of the soil and metal suggests some sort of mudguard or similar, perhaps from an old tractor. Some digs get chariot burials, we get old tractors.

We also managed an AGM at the beginning of November. Last year we didn't even try but this year a few of us met in person, socially distanced, and we Zoomed the meeting to others. It went very well. We

now have a new Secretary which is great as the last one had done the job for 15 years and needed time to research pottery instead. We planned our work for the year and set dig dates. All this information will be on our website as soon as we can get it there. As an example, we have the Dartmoor National Park archaeologist Andy Crabb as our Archaeology Adviser now, and we hope to be doing some interesting work on Dartmoor under his guidance and working with other groups on the moor. We are excited with this new direction. If you are interested in joining us, check out the website for contact details. Erica Williamson

ACE Archaeology Club

https://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com/



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	on Vacant			
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Sampford Courtenay	North Tawton			
1st Sunday 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship	1st Sunday 11 a.m. Morning Worship			
2nd Sunday 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion BCP	2nd Sunday 11 a.m. Informal Communion			
3rd Sunday 6.00 p.m. Evensong	6.30 p.m. Evensong			
4th Sunday 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion BCP	(Apr - Oct) 3rd Sunday 11 a.m. All-age Worship			
5th Sunday 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Common Worship	4th Sunday Traditional Communion			
	5th Sunday Informal Communion			
SERVICES at St. James' Church Bondleigh	Provision for children at all 11 a.m. services			
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#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### BAPTISM

Sunday 17th October Oliver Stephen DENNIS (2 years 6 months)

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday 22nd October John Ward HORN (78 years)

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Please continue to remember those who need help via the Food Bank box in St. Peter's Church outer porch.

It is accessible there during the day.

Thank you.

#### NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL

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Pause for thought (December)

O Come, O come, Emanuel, Redeem thy captive Israel, That into exile drear is gone Far from the face of God's dear Son.

O Come, Thou Lord of David's key, The royal door fling wide and free. Safeguard for us the Heavenward road And bar the way to death's abode!

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Hilary and Richard

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#### Pause for thought (January)

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with this Happy New Year

Sing reign of Fair Maid with gold upon her toe, Open you the west door and let the old year go.

Sing reign of Fair Maid with gold upon her chin Open you the east door and let the New Year in

St. Peter's Church

St Andrew's Church

#### Sampford Courtenay SCEnSus Suggestions

By the time you read this, the COP26 Conference outcomes will be known – hopefully with commitments made on a global scale and intending to keep that all-important global warming figure as low as it needs to be. The SCEnSus monthly suggestions have been 'spot on' as the issues that we've all been encouraged to focus on are the same ones that are now being circulated nationally! So, as we move towards Christmas, the suggestions are:



1. **Recycle and Re-use:** In the lead up to Christmas, can you re-use your existing decorations or make new ones using what you've already got... or make your own from recycled materials, including plastics? The challenge is not to buy any new decorations this year! Did you know that tinsel and foil wrapping paper can't be recycled so it's better to use it time and time again rather than throw it away and send it to landfill? *Certainly don't buy any new ones like this!* 

2. Is it really better to have a **real tree** ... or an artificial tree that you use year after year? You might want to debate this issue within the family or with your friends! If you have a fresh one, make sure you 'recycle' it – goats love to eat them (apparently!) so watch for details of where and when to drop yours off in Sampford Courtenay in the New Year.

- 3. For December and afterwards, Shop locally where you can save travel miles as well as supporting local businesses
- 4. Shop 'long lasting' and 'natural' clothes, toys, household items, whatever. These are good rules to follow!

**5.** Woodburner or open fire - If you have one of these, make sure that you have adequate supplies of dry, seasoned wood to burn and try to reduce your use of firelighters. Sweep your chimney regularly to reduce chemicals and particles in the atmosphere as well as to keep your chimney safe.

	Sampford Courtenay SCEnSus - 2022 New Year's Resolution Checklist and Progress Chart Last year we set you the challenge of reviewing what we can all do within our homes to keep our carbon footprint to a minimum. Let's have another look to see how we're doing. If you did the checklist last year, have another look to see where you improved things and what the priorities need to be for 2022. Put this checklist where you can <u>all</u> see it and use it to keep track of your progress. Mark an action Red if you haven't started it or haven't even thought about it yet. A priority for 2022? Mark it Amber if you've started work on this but there's still some way to go Mark it Green if you 've completed this/ been doing it for some time. If so, Well done and keep going. Even if you don't live in Sampford Courtenay, have a go and see how you're doing!	Red/ Amber- Green <b>2021</b> Where were we at the start of last year?	Red/ Amber/ Green? 2022 – What can we do even better this year
1	Do you need better loft insulation or double glazing? There might be grants available to you		
2	Are <u>all</u> the light bulbs in your house low energy?		
3	Can you turn down your heating, even by 2 degrees C and wear those jumpers that you've got lurking in your wardrobe instead? Can you do your washing at 30C rather than 40C?		
4	Can you share your car travel with someone else and reduce the number of car journeys that you make to work or to the shops? Can you 'save' at least one journey each week? Think twice before doing short 'single occupancy' car trips as these are the least fuel efficient journeys. <i>Vehicle transport makes up 25% of UK carbon emissions.</i>		
5	Can you cycle, walk or catch a bus rather than drive a car sometimes – and more than you would usually do? Can you use our new local train service now that we've got it?		
6	How much food do you throw away in your house? If you're tempted by 'Buy one, get one free' offers - do you always use it all? Does <u>all</u> your food waste <u>always</u> go in the compost, not in black bags and end up in landfill and producing lethal methane gas?		
7	Can you buy more organic food to promote soil health – foods grown without use of fertilisers and cultivation methods that break down soil structure and other chemicals (particularly pesticides) which harm wildlife?		
8	Can you stop or reduce the use of chemicals such as bleach, cleaning products and sprays? Do you use microfibre cloths and water to avoid using chemicals and having those hard to recycle containers that they come in?		
9	How can you get everyone in your house to be more 'environmentally aware'? Identify some climate house rules such as closing doors to keep heat in, turning down thermostats in rooms not used very often, not running taps any longer than is necessary, looking at ways to re-use, recycle and re-purpose (particularly if this means not buying something new). Is there someone in your house (preferably the youngest person in the house) who could be the 'climate lookout' or 'chief nagger' when other people forget or get it wrong!		
10	How much of what your family throws away goes to landfill? How many black bags each week? How can you reduce the number of bags that go in the bin lorry? Set a target one less a fortnight by (date)		
11	If you eat out and 'on the go', are the food and drink containers that you had single use and, if so, are they recyclable?		
12	New Year sales – as tempting as they are, buy only what you need!		







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