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## Not from The Rectory

We are spoilt for choice nowadays by the choice of programmes we can access on our televisions, but there are few which excite a sense of anticipation in me. One which does is "The Repair Shop". In a Sussex barn a group of highly skilled craft workers can be seen at their business. They have a wide variety of skills. The "Bear Ladies" (which sounds badly on the voice-over until you realise they specialise in repairing dolls) are happy to receive teddy bears. There is Steve with the mechanical insights from being a clock repairer, but always happy to be faced with anything mechanical, especially if he has never seen an object like it before. Steve's sister, Susie, works with leather and relishes restoring old briefcases, saddles and upholstery for chairs. There is Will who makes battered and broken wooden articles look like new and there are other workmates who it seems can be imported to repair and restore any unusual item brought into the barn requiring their specialist treatment.

The counter balance to this haven of skills is provided by members of the public who bring in their broken belongings to leave for repair. These items are usually not of great value in themselves, but they have immense sentimental value for their owners. Often they have associations with childhood memories or are mementos of a loved relative now deceased. Some are family heirlooms it is hoped to pass on to children or grandchildren after repair.

When the repair is done, the owner returns to collect the treasured item. Seeing the repair is an emotional moment. Tears are not unusual. Gratitude is heartfelt.

So where is the attraction in watching this routine being followed, programme after programme?

First, there is the privilege of watching at work the skilled hands of so many different crafts people. Second, the care with which the owner of each item is treated; the team of repairers wants to understand what is the reason the item means so much to the owner and also to know

how the owner would like the repair to be done. It is not always important to make it look as new. An old teddy bear may need repair, but it needs to retain the same look it had in the childhood of its now elderly owner. Third, the occupants of the Repair Shop often need to work together, combining their different skills to complete one repair. This co-operation is given in a friendly spirit with obvious admiration expressed for the special skills they admire in each other's work. Fourth, the team members regard as an honoured trust each item left by an owner. The art of what the team does is not to restore an item for an open market; it is to restore an item because of the love felt for it by its owner. The team regards it as a privilege to have a share in restoring the item and in sharing the love the owner feels for the item. In brief, the team loves the work it does.

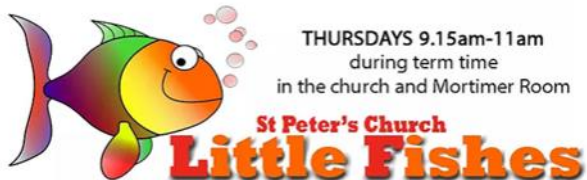
Jesus Christ (remember his father was a carpenter) gave a new commandment in two parts: we should love God and love our neighbours as ourselves. Of course, I have no idea if the occupants of the Repair Shop have a religious outlook of any kind. Thus I have no idea if they love God. Yet it seems to me that they give a striking example of loving their neighbours as themselves. I wish the behaviour they show towards each other and their visitors in the Repair Shop was more widely followed in the world outside it; at a time when we are told an increasing number of people are feeling isolated, unloved and in need of mental support, it seems to me that the loving care and consideration shown to the strangers who walk into the Repair Shop offers an example which could be more widely followed elsewhere too.

*(Richard Edwards)*

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The next date is:  
Thursday March 24th 2022

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## **Council Tax – North Tawton Parish Precept for 2022-23**

We're pleased to tell you that there is no increase in the North Tawton budget for the coming financial year – in fact our residents will pay a little bit less for their town council services.

Cllr. Jean Trew hitt, Chair of North Tawton Town Council, said: 'We are a small town, with a relatively small population, but we have many properties that we are responsible for. We maintain the Memorial Park, the cemetery, churchyard (because it is a closed churchyard), car parks, public toilets, our office and even the Grade II listed clock tower.

'We try to keep the costs down, but this is still a huge commitment which our residents pay for – grass cutting alone is just under £20k per annum for example.'

Cllr. Steve Whiteley, Chair of North Tawton Town Council's finance committee, said: 'I'm delighted that despite a rise in inflation we have actually been able to reduce our budget requirement a little. We worked hard to identify savings and reductions which could be made – so a property in council tax Band D will pay 0.79% (£1.53) less than the current year, a total of £191.92 a year towards the parish precept (the town council's portion of the council tax), equating to only £3.69 a week.

## **North Tawton Town Clerks – upcoming vacancy for Assistant Clerk**

I retire from my job as Town Clerk in May – I'll say my goodbyes to residents in due course, but meanwhile I'm happy to tell you on behalf of the Council that the current Assistant Clerk, Mel Bickell, has been promoted to Town Clerk following a formal interview with the Council's Personnel Committee. Mel will take up her new post when I leave, so we are advertising for an Assistant Clerk - if you are interested check the local newspapers and our website and noticeboard.

## **North Tawton Town Council Housing Needs Survey 2022**

All households should have received a survey form and reply envelope – this survey will help us to determine housing need in the parish. We can then respond better to planning consultations for example. The closing date for return of the forms is 6 March 2022 so if you have not returned the form there is still time – thank you to all residents for helping us with this survey.

## **North Tawton Community Speedwatch – Volunteers needed**

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds. The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them. The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

We know that many residents have huge concerns about speeding traffic within the town, if anyone would like to volunteer for this initiative to try to address the problem please contact the Town Clerks.

## **Area of Council owned land at Strawberry Fields – adjacent to mini-roundabout**

I'm delighted to say that we have been awarded a grant from West Devon Borough Council, which in turn came from Government funding to aid communities post-covid. We applied for help to clear and replant the area of land at the entrance to Strawberry Fields and the grant will cover all the costs. This is the main entrance to our town and the proposed work will make this area much more attractive and welcoming for visitors as well as for our residents. It's an opportunity for a lower maintenance planting scheme which will also incorporate wildlife friendly plants and flowers. You'll see this work progressing over the coming weeks.

*Sarah Say*

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

I have been maligned. My (previous) good character has been harshly tainted. An abominable accusation has been attached to my name. I've had to Google whether I've been libelled or slandered 'cos I can never remember which is which. (According to Google I think I've been slandered). And the slanderer is none other than President Jan. I know what you're thinking. How could she? You all thought she was an upstanding pillar of our community. Well, that's what I thought. Until yesterday. Our North Tawton W.I. 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Lunch was going so well. Lovely venue – happy atmosphere – fabulous food (thanks to the Waie Inn). Time for President Jan to address the room and thank everyone for coming etc and that's when she did it. Announced to the room that Sue Knott had had three puddings. Total fabrication. I had two. Oh, and I had two spoonful's of Rosemary's 'cos it looked really nice.

If you thought that was serious let me tell you about our February meeting. No speaker this month as it was Resolution discussion time. With five Resolutions to discuss five ladies took to the floor to present each of the Resolutions proposed by various W.I. groups around the country. Pay attention now and sit up straight please. There may be an exam at the end of this. Res 1 – 'Fit for Purpose – Fit for Girls' (a proposal to call on manufacturers/retailers to produce and market clothes for girls which are equal to their boys clothing ranges). Res 2 – 'Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders' (a proposal to urge government to renew its focus on early intervention and community based solutions for women who have committed non-violent offences). Res 3 – 'Equality in law for the Menopause' ( a proposal to strengthen equality law by including the menopause as a protected characteristic alongside pregnancy and maternity under the Equality Act 2010). Res 4 – 'Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD: under-identified, under-diagnosed, under-supported' ( a call to government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of these conditions and for action to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls) and Res 5 – 'Tackling Digital Exclusion' ( a proposal to increase investment in digital infrastructure and ensure access to suitable devices and appropriate education and training). Presentations were put forward and arguments made for each topic. Discussions were suspended to allow the even more serious subject of cream tea scoffing to take place. Time to vote. And the Resolution that received the most votes was 'Tackling Digital Exclusion'. Our vote goes to Devon Federation which in turn sends a vote to National Federation for eventual discussion at the National AGM in Cardiff in June. I bet their cream tea won't be as good as ours.

The visitors have arrived. They've been carefully settled into the spare bedroom. They always get the 'ensuite' room (more space for them to breathe as husband points out) and they'll be here until the end of March. Yes - the seed spuds are chitting. With the correct amount of light and the temperature carefully calibrated. Did any other vegetable ever receive such care and dedication? It's so hard vying for husband's attention at times. Especially when I'm competing against trays of chitting spuds.

And finally. Does anyone really bother with Valentines Day anymore? Let me share my recent romantic moment with you. Picture this. Husband is peeling some spuds for our evening meal. I sidle up to him and whisper 'would you like to take me away somewhere lovely?' He puts down the potato peeler, turns to look at me and says ..... 'what – before tea?'

*(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.**

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We shall enjoy guest performances from our friends Ruth Penrose (clarinet), Robbie Cassels (Piano)  
ADMISSION is FREE  
(there will be a retiring collection).

## SCEnSus Village Green Working Party

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am



This year SCEnSus would like to invite volunteers to come and help tidy up the Village Green, (in place of the Spring Litter Pick). There are various jobs identified in the Annual Playground Inspection: -

- Rub down and clean benches and picnic tables
- Rub down and clean gates.
- Weed and brush cobbled path.
- Some maintenance to Play equipment.

Volunteers of all ages welcome.

PLUS – collect your Seed Potatoes and Buckets for the Flower Show afterwards!

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in North Tawton – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Plans are progressing well to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in North Tawton. Various groups and organisations within the town have met to share ideas and bring together a draft programme of events.

There is still plenty of scope for other events to be added.

North Tawton Town Council has allocated a small budget plus a donation from the Community Games and Culture Group so if you need some financial support for your event please contact the Town Clerk.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

6 p.m. - Parade from the Square to the Rugby Club – theme – '70 years of history' (Events group) – why not join in? Look out for further details.

Rugby Club – Barbecue – Lighting of the Beacon (Scouts & Rugby Club)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Possible events in the pubs.

Games – Race afternoon/Beetle drive!

Bowls

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Treasure Hunt (Guides) & cream teas

Tea Party in the Town Hall for over 70s (WI)

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

12.30 onwards Picnic in the Memorial Park – bring your own picnic (if raining alternative venues will be available)

including entertainment – music, juggling etc – if you have entertainment skills please consider how you can get involved

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FLOWER CLUB 2nd Monday of the month 2.30 p.m.  
CRAFT & CHAT 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month  
3.15 to 4.45 p.m.

**OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-**

Big Breakfast Saturday 5th March 8.30 -10.30 a.m.  
Craft & Chat Thursday 10th March 3.15 - 4.45 p.m.  
Barn Dance Saturday 12th March 7 p.m. arrival for  
7.30 p.m. start.  
Come & Chat Saturday 19th March 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.  
Craft & Chat Thursday 24th March 3.15 - 4.45 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Ice Cream Sundaes & Easter Trail  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
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Summer Ball Friday 24th June Please visit the parish  
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**Sampford Courtenay Parish Council**

Would like to offer commemorative Platinum Jubilee Mugs to all the children of the parish up to the age of 16 years old. (Free of charge)

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If other parishioners (of any age) would like to obtain a commemorative mug these can be purchased for the sum of £6.00 each. Again, please let Clerk know if you would like to order some.

**Orders should be received by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The Mugs will be presented at a Village Event for the Queen's Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. (More details later)



**GROWING WELL  
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**We are excited to announce plans for a new community garden and social prescribing project based at Bow Medical Practice.**

Situated in a corner of the field attached to the practice site, we hope that this will become a valuable resource for all of our community. We have received a small amount of seed funding from Mid Devon Primary Care Network (PCN) to help with our initial set up but we will be starting from scratch with a limited budget.

Over the coming weeks we will be getting the basic design of the garden laid out. If you have any specific skills such as joinery/carpentry/building or are a keen DIY-er and can spare us some hours we'd love you to get in touch.

We will also need more general help and enthusiasm with getting beds prepared and planted. If you are already planning your own garden or allotment for the season we'll be very happy to take your spare plugs or plants!

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Susan Taheri  
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## Sampford Courtenay SCEnSus Seasonal Suggestion – March



If you've been reading our 'monthly challenges' and 'seasonal suggestions' over the last year or so you'll quickly realise that this one is a bit different. Rather than things that you might want to do, this one's very much about thinking, particularly as we (hopefully) get warmer weather and start to think about seasonal changes to what we wear. So, here's the 'food for thought'.

Did you know...

1. About 30% of clothing donated to charity shops is re-sold? Much is faulty, worn out or soiled and can't be sold on.
2. About 10% of charity clothing donations are sent to textile recycling centres. Oxfam alone estimate 12,000 tonnes of textiles a year are recycled – 35million garments since 2008 recycled and not sent to landfill. The big challenge is separating mixed fibres for recycling and removing labels, buttons, zips etc.
3. A lot of what is left is exported. The UK is the second largest exporter of clothes in the World. Big bales of it are shipped and go to second hand markets for sale, including in West Africa. What's left is burnt or dumped there.
4. Inevitably, the rest of our donations end up in landfill, about 30% – that's an estimated 350,000 tonnes or around £140m worth of clothes. The pace of fast fashion, seasonal changes and 'wanting a change' means that many of us have more clothing around than we actually 'need'.
5. It's estimated that 10% of all greenhouse gas emissions globally come from the fashion industry – 1.2 billion tonnes from textile production. 20% of global waste water is from the fashion industry.
6. Apparently 60% of households say they have unwanted clothing in their homes, some new and unworn.
7. The average consumer buys 60% more clothing than they did 15 years ago, more than 2 tonnes are bought each minute in the UK, more than any other country in Europe.

As I said, food for thought!

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As promised in last month's Roundabout, here (on page 17) is a chance to read Janet Gray's winning entry for the W. I. national writing competition.

The Lady Denman Cup 2021  
"Let me show you what a woman can do!"

The brief was for a piece of writing based on the self portrait by the seventeenth century artist Artemisia Gentileschi as St. Catherine of Alexandria.

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We are inviting all groups, organisations, friends, and families to take part in this event.

The theme for the parade is 70 YEARS OF BRITISH HISTORY and as such, you are invited to wear outfits from 1950's through to the present day.

Do you have a classic car or motorbike or bicycle and would be able to take part in the parade? If so we would love to hear from you.

We are hoping to get as many people involved as possible to help ensure the weekend is one we all remember.

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Artemisia Gentileschi, Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria, about 1615-17. @The National Galle

### *The broken wheel*

Each day I look out at the faces who stand before my image. I listen to those who know of me and my work; those who on their trip here, stopped by the gift shop and bought their guide. I hear time and time again the story of my life- of how in a world where some women were often seen as simply objects or worse, not seen at all, I accomplished so much.

The gallery viewers who stop before me discuss my portrait in hushed tones. There are those who see a warrior, proud and defiant, whilst others talk of martyrdom and sainthood. Those who are curious take time to read the passage printed below the frame. My life, fixed in a short paragraph between two dates; a momentary interest sparked before passing on.

My story is one that has been told many times and by many women who, like me were used to gratify another's lust. Although I fought back, although I survived, if you look carefully into my eyes, you will see it all reflected there.

Many will never see, knowing nothing of me. They pass by my image on their way to other rooms in the gallery to marvel at famous images by artists more famous than me. My face is not one to entice some people and my modest pose and robe holds no titillation for those seeking suchlike.

Despite this, some people do stop as they are drawn in by my gaze and, as I look on them, I hope they see the story I show to them in my pose.

How many of them see that like the wheel I hold, I was broken; made not whole, unable to function as I should. My body was raped, destroyed in a moment where power was concealed in passion and I was left powerless, unable to recapture my innocence even though I fought back with words, then paper, oil and brush.

I did survive as survival is instinctual, but as a survivor I was only half alive, anger and vengeance replacing the joy and hope of my youth.

I am not hard on those who do not see this; I have worked hard to mask my pain and fear and to fight instead. I created a shell within which my pain lies black, and dark and waiting. You might ask for what does it wait?

To be seen and understood; it waits to be heard by those of you out there who too have this pain but a voice much louder than mine and can speak for me. You will see. Those of you who, like me survive abuse, **will see**. And from where I am captured in my portrait, our eyes will meet in a silent greeting of recognition. For that I wait, for someone to understand that despite all I achieved, despite all I created. I did this with part of me broken.



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## News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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Plus check out our new [FACEBOOK](#) Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

**SEAMOOR LOTTO** – Sampford Courtenay Parish Council has registered as one of the charities which will benefit from the new Lotto run by W.D.B.C.. If you have not bought your ticket yet, please sign up at <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council>

**SCPC** – on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb held their meeting in the Village Hall with 8 Councillors & DCC Cllr. attending in person and 5 members of the public

**Emergency Numbers & Contact Details** – are now available in a handy Parish Directory which can be downloaded from the Website <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/information-leaflets-links>

**Adoption of Sampford Courtenay Station** – following the successful re-opening of the Dartmoor Line from Okehampton – Exeter, NWR held a meeting at Sampford Courtenay Station asking for Volunteers to “Adopt” the Station to keep it looking pretty and tidy for both parishioners, passengers passing through and hopefully passengers for the Sunday Service later this year. It was agreed that the SCEnSus sub committee should undertake this task.

**Broadband/Mobile Coverage Survey** – Some properties around the New Inn area have already been connected to Fibre to the Premises by Openreach (they can then arrange a contract with their preferred Internet Service Provider) It looks as if Openreach will be laying fibre to the South East of the Parish from North Tawton to Sampford Station – the map can be viewed here <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/where-when-building-ultrafast-full-fibre-broadband>

Airband – are also providing Fibre to the Premise and are currently working on their final plan. If SCPC get further details we will up date you. Once these fibre roll outs areas are established, SCPC will try and work with those in the “Black Spots” to try and get connected collectively to these fibre routes.

**Spring Clean – Village Green Tidy Up - A Working Party is planned for Sat 26th March to address some of the issues raised in the Annual Playground Inspection and to do a general tidy up of the Village Green. All volunteers welcome.**

**Jubilee Mugs - SCPC will be purchasing Commemorative Jubilee Mugs which will be available free of charge for any parishioner 16 and under; or for £6 per mug for others. Please see Advertising and get in touch with the Clerk if you would like to order**

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**Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at [SCPCClerk@aol.com](mailto:SCPCClerk@aol.com) or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.**

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## News from the Moor

Hi everyone

I hope that you are all keeping well and making the most of the cold and dry winter days we have been seeing in January. I am starting to see little hints of Spring in the garden at Castle Drogo and I am already day-dreaming of swathes of daffodils.

The teams across Dartmoor are turning their attention to re-opening the built places in our care. The deep clean of Drogo is well underway and each time I walk around the castle, there is an extra sparkle to the precious items on display. The garden team has been busy too working on the parking area next to the castle. They are using the historic architectural drawings as inspiration to transform this area into the 'servants garden' Lutyens originally imagined. The area transformed, seemingly over night, and looks incredible already.

At Finch Foundry, maintenance work is taking place on the historic machinery so it will be ready to wow visitors once again when it re-opens on 30th March for pre-booked guided tours. At Lydford Gorge, the Ranger team is working its way through a long list of jobs including path maintenance, tree checks and rock face inspections.

If you have taken a drive from Okehampton to Tavistock recently, you may have noticed some scaffolding at Wheal Betsy engine house. We were able to secure some funding to undertake re-pointing work to the house and it certainly looks impressive.

Finally, I would like to share news of a lovely activity the Drogo team did just before Christmas when they worked with local care homes and an organisation called Ladder to the Moon to create a virtual tour. It was very well received by all of the residents who took part and it was a joy to share our beautiful castle with people who would find it tricky to visit in person.

Best wishes all,

**Paula**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

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2022 has started with a fairly dry month.  
January's rainfall was 59.2 mm. and most of that  
fell in the first ten days. This compares with  
144.1 mm. last year. I am struggling to find much  
to say about January. Compared to the north of  
the country we just had a nice winter month.  
As they say 'good news doesn't make headlines'.  
Lets hope it continues!

*Danny Semorad*

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Culture, gender and values as a black woman in business  
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Inclusive communication  
Representation in the economy

More than ever, it is important that businesses are aware of diversity in their approach to running a business, so they can ensure their staff, colleagues and customers have their individual needs catered for. Full details of each webinar/event will be added to our events page and Eventbrite, as and when dates are finalised, so keep a look out. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Programmes to look out for in 2022**

Women in Business – this popular programme is back again with more exciting speakers and events.

Support for artists and creatives – we're working with people in the creative industry to put together a programme of business support for those thinking about starting up, or running, businesses in the creative industries.

Business Resources

We have the largest collection of business databases in the South West. All free to access with Devon or Torbay library membership. For more details and the full range of resources visit our website:

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**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES**

**March 27th**

**St. Andrew's Church,  
Sampford Courtenay  
Parish Communion  
9.30 a.m.**

**St. Peter's Church,  
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Family Service  
11 a.m.**

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## **SAMPFORD COURTENAY COMMUNITY JUBILEE EVENTS**

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Commemorative Mugs (Free to 16 and under, £6 each others – please order from Clerk [SCPCclerk@aol.com](mailto:SCPCclerk@aol.com) or 01837 82285 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 22)  
Commemorative Bench

### **New Inn**

Sat Jun 4<sup>th</sup> – BBQ, bar and live music including *Diving for Pearls*

### **Village Hall**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June – from 12 noon – Platinum Picnic  
Plus Red, White & Blue Fancy Dress Competition  
Jubilee Hat Competition  
A Queen's Day at the Races – fun games for all the family.

### **St Andrew's Church**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30 am – Service of Celebration followed by Refreshments  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June – Choral Concert

### **Flower Show – (to be on display by Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May)**

Scarecrow Trail – on Jubilee or Historic Event of past 70 years theme.  
Door Step Floral Container – Red, White and Blue theme  
Best Decorated House – get your bunting out!  
Plus other Jubilee themed classes for show day on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Check Parish Website <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/> or  
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## **NORTH TAWTON'S SPRING MARKET SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in THE TOWN HALL**

Enjoy a morning out at your Spring Market. As well as the chance to buy meat, cheese, bread and cakes, beer, honey, veg and more, you'll have the opportunity to stock up on refills of shampoo and detergent or buy some craft gifts. There will also be storytelling and song to entertain you.

Come along, bring friends and family, and make this the best and biggest market yet.  
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## **News from Sampford Courtenay**

A most enjoyable curry night, organised by the Village Hall in aid of Roof-Ups and cooked by Nicky Courage and Moira Viggers, was served on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

A small group from DASH, the Devon small-holders, was entertained by Ruth Maile at Lower Trecott on the afternoon of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, with most interesting and amusing stories from 100 years of farming on the family farm at West Hook. This was followed by a traditional tea.

Sampford Courtenay bellringers held their 'Christmas Dinner' at the King's Arms, South Zeal on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. This, for many, was the first time in two years they had dressed up for a special event.

*Nicky Craig*

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## Events at Okehampton Library

### February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March - *The Gathering – Finding connections Through Loss*

This project is responding to issues of loneliness, social isolation, bereavement, and loss in the community. Feeling of disconnection or loss can be amplified in the dark winter months, so Honeyscribe are inviting people to take part in a collective act of co-creation by dedicating a pressed flower to someone special. The project will culminate in the creation of an illuminated artwork containing preserved flowers and leaves gathered from across the community. The finished artwork will be exhibited at libraries and tour to care homes and support facilities who were involved in its making. Anyone who would like to dedicate a flower for this project can collect a pack with everything they need from Okehampton and Holsworthy libraries or press a fresh flower at the flower pressing stations where library staff will assist.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 15:45-16:45 - World Book Day Tea Party.** Dress up as your favourite book character (optional), join in our fun tea party with light refreshments, party games and prizes. Free event, suitable for ages 5+, numbers limited so it is essential to book in advance

### 4<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 10:00-12:00 - *Beeline for digital skills course*

This 10-hour course will give you the basic digital skills you need in today's online world. Free course, booking essential. Book with Learn Devon on 01822 61370. Course code ITB818

### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 11th – 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 19:00. 'Interconnected Okehampton Wildlife'** – a talk by Matt Parkins who is a woodland naturalist and conservationist. Matt will talk about how the interconnectedness of nature and the natural world around us can draw us together.

The wonderful world of nature is something we are a part of, and can make a positive difference which is healing to both wildlife and [ourselves](#). Tickets £3 each in advance or £3.50 at door, to include refreshments.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10:00-10:15 – Science Week Storytime for under 5's** Free, no booking necessary

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> –Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. *Discovery Screen Film Festival Showings*

A selection of exceptional hand-picked films showing in libraries across the county throughout March. You can enjoy exclusive viewings of culturally diverse films across Devon, away from the big screens. Discovery Screens is organised by Libraries Unlimited, through its Evolve programme. Okehampton Library will be screening....

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Minari (12a)	Doors open at 18:30, film starting at 18:45
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Father (15)	Doors open at 14:30, film starting at 14:45
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sweetheart (15)	Doors open at 19:00, film starting at 19:15
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Another Round (12a)	Doors open at 19:00, film starting at 19:15

Tickets: £3 adult, £2 students/child. Bookable through Eventbrite.  
Contact the library for more details.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Digital Fridays – by appointment

A member of staff will be on hand to assist with digital devices. Whether a complete beginner or just need a few tips, book a short session for help with your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Booking in advance is essential. Tel: 01837 52805 email: [okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

### Knit & Natter - Tuesdays 13:30-14:30

Bring along your knitting, stitching, crochet or other portable craft project, for a chat with like-minded crafters.

### Bounce & Rhyme - Tuesdays 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20

Suitable for under 5s. Free. Booking Essential.

### Duplo Builders & Storytime - Wednesdays 09:30–10:15

Suitable for ages 0-5 years. Free. No booking necessary.

### Lego Builders - Saturdays 10:30–11:30

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### The Secret Book Quest

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## Two Years On



It has been well documented that children have suffered from the consequences of the past two academic years being disrupted with partial school closures. Delivering lessons on line is not the same as in class where the skilled staff bring learning alive with practical activities, discussions and dynamism so hard to replicate on a screen. In the class setting, the teachers and teaching assistants are able to notice confusions, address misconceptions, and give immediate praise for achievements. It is no wonder that children are not all where they would have been academically had we not had a global pandemic.

Much press coverage has spoken of programmes and funding for children to 'catch up' and to 'keep up.' There has also been some, although less, coverage about the effects the pandemic have had upon children's mental health. This turbulent period with children having less time with friends and family, working in smaller groups, or bubbles as we called them and worrying about health issues has no doubt had an adverse effect on the mind growth of our youngsters. They have had less opportunities to develop their skills in communication, cooperation, and socialisation as they have played so much less than they would have done.

At the beginning of the new school year, my neighbour told me his grandson was in the 'catch up club' every playtime for maths. How terribly sad. At North Tawton Primary we have assessed learning gaps and we are working hard to enable children to make good progress in the essential reading, writing and maths skills they need for further learning and for life, however we are also balancing this with the need for children to enjoy art and music, sport and humanities, science and technology and we are not keeping children away from those very important playtimes!

We reopened our Little Seedlings Baby and Toddler group in the Autumn and I was moved to see our youngest community members exploring the space for the first time, and for our parents, particularly our first time parents, talking to and bonding with other parents in a shared space. Children from babies to teens have missed out on so many of the experiences and opportunities they would usually have.

The staff are realising that our children have much less life experience than usual for their age, for example in a lesson learning about different cultural and traditional wedding ceremonies, it was apparent that very few children had actually attended a wedding themselves. Children have not travelled as much as they would have done, so talks of experiences of journeys was limited in another class. Another class of children were shocked to see crowd scenes on a video (recorded pre 2020) as they could not remember being in a crowded place with people not wearing masks.

Two years is not a long time for us older people, but for some of our children at school it is a quarter, a third or even a half of their life experience. As we approach the second year anniversary of the first lock down in the UK, I cannot help but consider how much life has changed and how different these years have been for our children.

Things are of course improving, but we are not back to normal yet! We have not yet met as a whole school inside for assemblies, we have not had all of our families in school for any events and we continue our regimes of handwashing, additional cleaning, adults wearing masks in shared spaces. We have had a lot of disruption to normal class life with staff and pupils away with covid, we have not yet resumed our volunteer programme.

However, things are looking up! Our clubs after school are well attended and enjoyed, we are planning class trips and we look forward to resuming our welcome to volunteers. We will of course keep finding ways for our children to catch up and keep up with all aspects of their development, learning, socialisation and experiences and enjoyment.



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- Painting – Portrait of the Queen (any medium)
- Scarecrow Trail – Jubilee or event of past 70 years Theme (On show from Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May for Jubilee)
- Door Step planted Floral Container – Red, White and Blue (On show from Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May)
- Best Decorated House – get your bunting out!
- Limerick – Memorable Event from last 70 years
- Re-cycled/Up-cycled Item – how can we all Reuse or re-purpose rather than throwing things away?

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- Tallest Sunflower (Measured at your home)
- Sunflower head with largest diameter (Please bring to the show to be measured)
- Longest stick of Rhubarb
- Heaviest Apple
- Longest Dock leaf
- Heaviest Tomato
- Buttonhole or Corsage you could present to the Queen.
- Longest Stinging Nettle

**CHILDREN**

- Children's Plate of Queen of Heart's Tarts (4)
- Children's Painting – Portrait of the Queen (any medium)
- Children's Model of a Royal Palace (made from any medium)
- Children's Recycled Item – make something new from something old.

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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Prayer & Communion	DVD
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Prayer & Communion	No service unless advertised otherwise



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERAL

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Ruth Lavina ASH (76 years)

St. Peter's Church

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Saturday 12th February 2022

Sheila SHAW (73 years)

St. Peter's Church



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With thanks

Hilary and Richard

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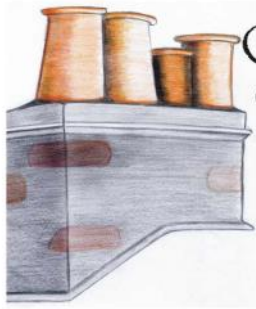


### Pause for Thought

Father, whose promise binds thee still  
To heal the suppliant throng,  
Grant us to mourn the deeds of ill  
That banish us so long;

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### Sampford Courtenay

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### Honeychurch

March

April

Pat Squire

Karen Squire

### Bondleigh

Mar 6th

Mar 13th / 20th

Mar 27th

April 10th

(from Mar 6th Brass only as it's Lent.)

April 17th

April 24th

Trish Peters

Nicola Raffin

Julie Wilson

Sheila Thorne

Easter Flowers

Nikki Jourdan

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

(from March 6th no flowers as it's Lent.)

April 17th / 24th

Easter Flowers

#### Brass

March

April

Sue Knott & Ro Davies

Monica & Jane Simons

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