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RESURRECTION CATERPILLARS!

Reflection for Sunday 19th April 2020

Spring.

Everything in the garden is lovely.

The flowers are out. And so are the weeds!

All is a riot of busyness. Flies. Bees. Grubs.

You know that the warm season of Spring brings out the flowers. They advertise their presence by bright colours to attract insects and butterflies to pollenate and so procreate.

The season also brings out greedy caterpillars.

The caterpillars that munch, munch, munch.

That seems to be their sole purpose in life.

Like some humans they just concentrate on what they can get.

Grabbing

Working just for the day.

The moment. The immediate.

Only working for what they can see and understand with their five senses.

Thinking little about the future.

Then things start to deteriorate and life becomes rigid.

Brown,

The inevitable happens and life stops.

Dead.

The caterpillar has ceased to munch his lunch.

But has life really ceased?

We know for the caterpillar, yes it has.

His world is over.

The caterpillar has little knowledge of the future.

What it holds and understands doesn't mean that in God's creation nothing will happen!

Two caterpillars were munching and talking and seeing a butterfly one said to the other

"You'll never get me up in one of those things!"

So caterpillar time passes.

Metamorphosis.

Transformation.

Incredible and previously unknown change.

For the caterpillar it's a miracle.

Resurrection!

A new face.

Colour! New bright patterns.

Power. Flying! Soaring.

Travelling great distances to places unknown and un-conceived before.

Now possessing a wider view of God's purpose and his wonderful creation.

And with greater understanding.

Resurrection!

Butterfly life for we caterpillars.

(written by Brian McQuillen for his parishioners of St. Goran and St. Michael, Caerhayes in the diocese of Truro at "Low Sunday" 2020, the Sunday after Easter. Lockdown was beginning then to take effect.

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H. M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd June to 5th June 2022

There will be a range of activities, events and competitions to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in North Tawton. These are being organised by groups and individuals within the town.

Please look out for more information on posters, in the Roundabout and on the Facebook Hub.

The following is what has been planned so far...

THURSDAY 2nd June – 6 p.m. Parade from the Square to the Rugby Club – the theme is “70 Years of British History” – so far there are several vehicles taking part, as well as walking people – get your costumes out and join in! Permission has been granted from Devon Highways for a road closure to ensure everyone's safety. The Parade is being organised by the North Tawton Events Group so look out for their posters.

BBQ at the Rugby Club organised by the Scouts and then the **Lighting of the Beacon** – look out for information about timings.

FRIDAY 3rd June – look out for posters & information about what's happening

SATURDAY 4th June - Treasure Hunt and takeaway Cream Teas organised by the Guides – look out for how you can join in.

Tea Party (including entertainment) 3 p.m. in the Town Hall for over 70s - organised by the W.I.. There are 80 places and tickets can be obtained free of charge from Jen's Café.

SUNDAY 5th June – Open Air Service in the Memorial Park from **11 a.m.-12 noon.**

12-30 p.m. onwards Picnic in the Park – bring your own picnic - **no BBQs please** - and join in the celebrations. There will be a special Jubilee Cake to share with everyone, also entertainment including music – if you have entertainment skills to share please contact one of the organising group (see below)

There will be a final meeting of the organising group on Wednesday 27 April. Following this meeting look out for lots of information so you can join in with the celebrations. If you want to get involved in any of the events, please contact the particular organising group or contact Jean Trehwitt or Carol Burrow - jean.trehwitt@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk or carol.burrow@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Co-option of Councillors

Just to remind you that the Council currently has two vacancies for Town Councillors – please think about whether you could contribute to working for the residents of our Town. We need members with all sorts of skills – formal and informal. For more information check our website, noticeboard, or contact the Town Clerk.

Dog Fouling

I thought I might get away with not having to revisit this perennial problem again, but sadly not! I've had complaints about dog fouling at the lower end of Fore Street, North Street, and Market Street. We have lots of bins around the town, any bin can be used to dispose of dog fouling bags, so please can I ask people to pick up after their dogs. If only they could speak they'd say 'It's not my fault' – so don't be a thoughtless owner, please try and keep our streets clean for everyone, thank you.

Goodbye and thank you...

Many of you will be aware that I am retiring from my post as Town Clerk. I started here on Monday 9th May 2016 and my last day will be Monday 9th May 2022. It has been the privilege of my life to work for you all over the last six years. It's time for me to move on but I will always be grateful for what was an unexpected new career. You have a very enthusiastic and hard-working Council; I wish you all well in whatever the future holds. Thank you once again,

Sarah Say.

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Memories of Mary Fry. She loved drinking her tea out of a proper bone china cup and saucer. She ran a very tight ship when it came to 'Flower of the Month' competition at our monthly meetings. Superb skittling skills. I don't think I ever saw her 'strolling' anywhere – she 'sprinted'. She adored her coach holidays. And I loved hearing her talk about her late husband Reg's baking prowess, including his legendary pasties. Only fitting, we thought, that we should postpone Ann Widdecombe (she really didn't mind) so that we could say a proper farewell to Mary and raise our teacups to her. Mary – you will be very much missed.

So there we were. Cakes sliced. Kettle on. Bacon and sausages in the pan. It could only be another Saturday morning market. And the W.I. was in the Town Hall kitchen daring people to leave without trying one of our delicious cakes and traybakes or sausage and bacon baps. Did you notice anything about the teamaking/cake serving/bacon frying ladies in the kitchen? Oh yes. What a vision. **We had matching W.I. aprons.** Very corporate. It felt like we were in an episode of Alan Sugar's 'The Apprentice'. And not one of us dropped tomato sauce down our pristine pinnies - (you're dealing with professionals you know). Husband had a stall in the entrance. Telling everyone that it was free to come in but you had to buy a bag of spuds to get out. I love his style.

No sooner was the market over than we were learning about Cyber Crime. Nothing to do with Doctor Who whatsoever. Turned out to be a fascinating (and slightly scary at times) talk about staying safe on line. Lots of brilliant information and tips on passwords, backups, updating devices, financial and banking fraud, suspicious emails, dealing with scams – a really useful session. Suggested to husband that he might like to come along but he had an urgent appointment with his Massey Ferguson 290.

I like a nice biscuit. So does husband. And when you get a biscuit recommendation from a W.I. lady you don't ignore it. You leave the house immediately (ignoring the rain), you dash up to our wonderful Spar and try to look casual whilst picking up several packets of the recommended item (and they were on special offer too!) knowing that the two lovely assistants at the tills will not believe you when you say 'I'm buying them for a friend'. Later in the day you discover that the above mentioned W.I. lady has just popped into our wonderful Spar and **CLEARED THE SHELF.** She also needed a box to bring home her stash. She then took a photograph of the stash and sent it to me! You're shocked, aren't you? You didn't think that W.I. ladies could behave in such a manner, did you? Well, they do!

Fear not – our wonderful Spar has replenished the yummy biscuit stock (but sadly they're not on offer anymore).

And finally. The spare bedroom is now a spud free zone. They've chitted. They're in the ground. And now we wait. And wait a bit more. And we get ready to panic if a Spotlight weather person should dare to mention 'a late frost'. It couldn't happen three years in a row, could it?

Sue Knott



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Take on an Incredible Hike for Children's Hospice South West

People are being asked to lace up their walking boots and take on an Incredible Hike for Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) this spring.

The charity has lined up 30 inspiring walking routes across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset for people to choose from – or they can simply pick one of their own.

CHSW area fundraiser Kate Romo said: "Whether it's a scenic stroll or an epic coast path ramble, grab your walking shoes, hike as you like and show your support for local children and families.

"We really are blessed with some super walking routes in the South West, and with spring now here, what better time to get outside, breathe in some fresh air and explore the beauty on our doorstep?"

"Walking has so many positive physical and mental health benefits too, so we think this is the perfect feel-good fundraiser for people of all ages."

It's free to register to take part in The Incredible Hike and participants are asked to try and raise £30 in sponsorship to help CHSW provide vital respite care.

The charity's three hospices – Little Bridge House in North Devon, Charlton Farm near Bristol, and Little Harbour in Cornwall – provide a safe haven of care, support and friendship for more than 500 children with life-limiting conditions and their families across the South West.

The hospices offer respite, emergency, end-of-life and bereavement care for the whole family, and care teams have adapted their support during the pandemic to ensure a Covid-safe lifeline wherever and whenever families need it, including, for the first time ever, in families' own homes.

The charity needs around £11m a year to run its three children's hospices, and around 85 per cent is raised through voluntary donations.

"Every penny you're able to raise with your Incredible Hike will make a difference and our fundraising team will be able to support you every step of the way," added Kate.

"Just visit the CHSW website to register, pick your route and start planning your Incredible Hike adventure. You'll find lots of easy fundraising ideas and tips on there too, as well as downloadable sponsor forms and links to set up your own Just Giving page in a couple of easy clicks."

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One area where we really can influence things is by looking after our local environment, our flora and fauna - as individuals and with others. Here are some practical suggestions:

Visit the Devon Wildlife Trust website and look for their 'Species of the Month'. Read what they have to say about Nature Recovery – apparently 15% of wildlife is threatened with extinction.

On Saturday 21st May there will be a plant sale in the Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. Come and buy a selection of plants to grow your own vegetables or grow flowers and shrubs which will attract and support our bees and other insects. You can also bring any surplus plants you have or other garden 'stuff' that you no longer need – recycle pots, ornaments etc to reduce waste as well as helping to raise more money towards replacing the local Village Hall roof.

Put the 11th June in your Diary and come and join us for the SC Parish Himalayan balsam clean up. More details later.

See what you can do to help local wildlife – maybe create 'hedgehog tunnels' to allow them to move beyond your garden to your neighbours to increase their territory and food sources. Did you know a hedgehog can travel up to 2 miles in a night?

Many birds will be nesting now, can you put up bird boxes ... or have you considered an owl box or bat boxes?

If you have a pond, be aware of the impact of hotter Summer temperatures on the oxygen concentration. We probably all know that fish and other mammals in ponds need oxygen to survive but so does the bacteria that breaks down the 'sludge' that naturally forms in ponds. Without oxygen the whole balance of the pond is wrong, fish gasp at the surface and algae clouds the water. Bigger ponds have a greater surface area so can 'absorb' more oxygen. Water movement is good – the more it splashes the better! Solar powered pond fountains can really help.

Enjoy and appreciate our local open spaces. The Sampford Courtenay Village Green is looking better than ever – Come and see what the Volunteers have achieved and get involved with the next event. If you're there, have a look at the Bug Hotel and the recently created 'dead hedge'. Maybe choose to come here for picnics and to use the play equipment rather than getting in the car to travel further afield. Please share any other suggestions you might have about ways to improve it further as a valued and useful community space.

It's not too late for the odd frost in May - it can 'cook' delicate plants overnight! What about buying one of the SCEnSus Cold frames made from re-purposed Police Riot Shields? £20 will buy you a good-sized cold frame, easy to assemble and move around your garden. Money raised will allow us to tackle other imaginative SCEnSus projects. Thank you!

Come and join the SCEnSus group. We are, technically, a sub Committee of the SC Parish Council but membership is open to anyone. There aren't many of us but we've been well supported by Volunteers for events and activities and would like to extend this further to raise the issues of environment and sustainability within the Parish and to make a bit of a difference on 'our patch'. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May, 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Why not join us and bring along any interested friends or family members?



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Saturday 7th May

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Is it possible that others will share the disappointment of Danny Semorad and the "Roundabout" proof reader that Sue Knott has not fulfilled her promise of last month to reveal in this edition what she has learned to understand from the "husbandism"

"He'll never tear a lot abroad" ?

.... and may we expect further "husbandisms" (with suitable explanations about their meanings) in future editions? I feel sure the world has much to gain from spreading insight into colourful local sayings which we can all copy into our own domestic lives.

(editor)

ROUNABOUT DEADLINE:

Community News, Articles, and Events are published (free of charge) in any edition, but must be received by the Editors no later than the 13th of the month before publication.

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The team has been trained in visiting the bereaved, the lonely, the sick and infirm, for follow-up visits after weddings and baptisms and welcoming newcomers into our churches.

If you would like to contact one of the team, please phone:

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Now it's time to think about your costume for the procession which will follow the town's fire engine, plus a vintage fire tender as driven by the Princess Elizabeth during the war, vintage tractors and motorcycles to the Rugby Club for the lighting of the beacon.

The theme is 70 years of history. What will you dress up as?

Will you remember the fifties, the swinging sixties, or a more recent decade? You might commemorate a big event such as the moon walk or the birth of the internet, or highlight an issue such as climate change. You could be James Bond or Donald Trump, Madonna or Mary Quant.

For children there's a choice from 70 years of cartoon characters and animation from Tony the Tiger to the Teletubbies, the Flintstones to Frozen.

We have some funding available to help groups who want to join the parade and have an idea they'd like to develop.

More information from ntheventscommittee@gmail.com

Assembly points will be announced in the next issue of Roundabout, on social media and on posters.



Need some new clothes but want to make space in your wardrobe too? Then our CLOTHES SWAP could be just what you need!

**Saturday May 7th 7-10 p.m.
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BUDDING NORTH TAWTON

Would you like a free window box or planter? We have forty to give away to people attending our Budding North Tawton event in the park on

**Saturday 7th May
from 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

At this event you will learn how to plant up a window box/trough/planter and care for it. All compost and plants provided.

Join us for Budding North Tawton and help brighten up our streets with some spring plants.



Could you save yourself some money while you save the planet?

Our Climate Day on Sunday 22nd May will explore all sorts of things from insulation to life-style swaps that could reduce your costs while reducing your impact on the environment.

And if you've heard about the Climate and Ecological Emergency but not sure what you can do about it, this is the chance to find out. Stalls, demonstrations, information . . . all free of charge.

Come along to the Community Centre on Barton Street between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - you'll come away knowing more.

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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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

1) SCPC –on Tues 22nd Mar held their meeting in the Village Hall with 7 Councillors to finalise end of year accounts, and 5th April with 6 Councillors and 1 member of the public present.

2) 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>

3) Communication during a Power outage – Cllr. M. Morrissey – says he is aware of some anxiety among parishioners re the publicity regarding the phasing out of Land Line phones and the problems caused during Storm Eunice with lack of communication and no way to charge mobile phones. He suggests sourcing an uninterrupted power supply for the parish, as part of the Resilience Plan.

4) Defibrillator – is now fitted and operational in the BT Kiosk in the Square. Training sessions will be offered to parishioners in the coming weeks.

5) Public Toilets – are currently closed while essential maintenance takes place.

6) Broadband/Mobile Coverage Survey – Cllr. M. Morrissey – confirmed that Fibre to the Premise by BT Openreach, is now available to more properties around the Square and neighbouring lanes. However, as this is issue is so commercially sensitive it is very difficult to obtain accurate information from Broadband Providers: Best advice is for parishioners to keep logging on to BT and Airband websites and check their own post code for up-date and contact their Internet provider for details and costs of a Fibre connection.

7) Jubilee Bench and Picnic tables have been delivered – please come along to a St. George's Day Teddy Bear's Picnic 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 23rd April on the Village Green for the "BIG REVEAL"

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 SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.

Next meeting MEETING – AGM Tues 3rd May 7 p.m. followed immediately by monthly SCPC meeting.

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All this for only £5 per person (under 18s free) PLUS entry to the Finch Foundry (National Trust members free).

You need to arrange your own lunch, either bring your own picnic to eat in the village hall, visit the village shop, or make your own booking with the Taw River Inn or Devonshire Inn. Toilets, tea and coffee facilities available throughout the day in the village hall.

Spaces may be limited. **Book by the end of May** (<http://www.devonfhs.org.uk>).
Postcode for SatNav: EX20 2NW. Plenty of parking.

The day will start in Sticklepath Village Hall, opposite the old Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.

To check it out further see:

<https://sticklepathhistory.family/2021/01/08/50-images-of-sticklepath-a-tour-of-oneplacelandmarks/>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/finch-foundry>
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FLOWER CLUB	2 nd Monday of every month 2.30 p.m.
CRAFT & CHAT	2 nd & 4 th Thursday of every month 3.15 - 4.45 p.m.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Come & Chat	Saturday 21 st May 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Jubilee Platinum Picnic	Sunday 5 th June 12 midday
Summer Ball (see separate advert)	Friday 24 th June 7 p.m. till late
Open Gardens	Sunday 3 rd July details to follow

Please visit the parish website for more details on all of these events www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk

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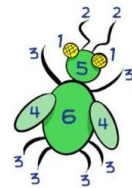
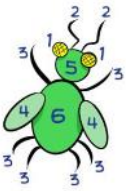
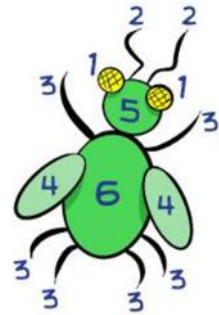
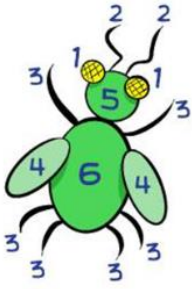
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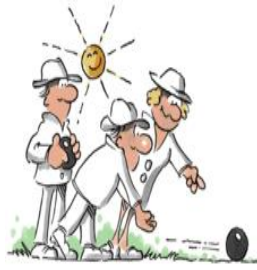
Full details to come.

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NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB



North Tawton Bowling Club says Welcome back!

After nearly a two year layoff, a very successful Spring meeting was organised by Secretary Anita Lamey and chaired by John Kinsey.

John set out a detailed plan of action for the coming summer season. First and foremost the green looks in excellent condition due mainly to the efforts of Rob Arscott and Dave Cooper. Also, there is the addition of a new all-dancing and singing tine machine. (Please note: this is a tine machine, not a time machine!)

The new fixture list has been prepared by Gordon Denham and Margaret Arscott. It looks set to provide some interesting tussles this summer.

Unfortunately, our travel and tea costs have had to go up (what's new ?) despite £850.00 raised by a Race Night held at the club.

All the essential cleaning and tea rotas are prepared and the club competitions are in place.

So all we need is YOU

Old and new players most welcome with coaching available Monday nights. So why not turn up on our OPENING DAY, SATURDAY [16TH APRIL @ 1.30](#) p.m. and give us a try?

Mike Thwaites (president)

Bondleigh Rainfall

The rainfall in March amounted to 36.4mm which all fell in the first half of the month. Another long dry period followed. This total compares to 50.6mm in 2021.

While reading Sue Knott's W.I. section in April's Roundabout (I'm sure we all do!) my eye was drawn to the 'husbandisms'. I immediately thought of it in a weather related context, because those gales at the end of February didn't manage to tear my roofs abroad.

Sue is obviously not a Devon maid!

Danny Semorad



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SAMPFORD COURTENAY COMMUNITY JUBILEE EVENTS

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Commemorative Mugs
Commemorative Bench

Flower Show – (to be on display by Sat 28th 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 20th August.

New Inn

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

Village Hall

Sun 5th 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 5th June – 9.30 a.m. – Service of Celebration followed by Refreshments

Check Parish Website <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/> or
Face Book page <https://www.facebook.com/SampfordCourtenayParishCouncil> for more information and up-dates.

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.

The latest meeting was held on Tuesday April 12th in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. Margaret Cleveland (President) was welcomed back after her operation and the vice-president Rosemary Lowe chaired the meeting.

The speaker was a volunteer (Graham) from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the work of the DAAT. He explained that they did not get any money from the Government and everything was paid for by members of the public. The DAAT shops and the monthly raffle were very important as was the work of all the volunteers. He was thanked by Margaret Weeks. After refreshments the business part of the meeting took place. The Cream Tea which the W.I. is organising for the Exbourne Jubilee Celebrations was discussed. Members put their names down if they were willing to help.

Gwyneth Leonard had visited Lewtrenchard W.I. and picked up the cup which we had shared with them after winning the competition at Okehampton Show in 2021. The AGM is in May and new members will be needed for the committee. The next walk is from the Fox and Hounds, Bridestowe on Friday April 29th at 10 a.m. for a walk on Dartmoor.

Flower of the Month winner was Gwyneth Leonard and winner of the competition for Something Medical was Rosemary Lowe.

The next meeting is in Exbourne Village Hall on Tuesday May 10th at 7 p.m..

The speaker is Sally Kenealy - Experiences of an International Fencer.

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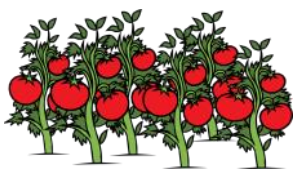
The gloom and doom of winter
Repairs needing to be done
We long for just one sunshine ray
And the warmth of spring to come

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Forget this winter gale
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Caroline Stokes
On behalf of St James's P.C.C.



NORTH TAWTON FLAT EARTH SOCIETY AGM 29TH FEBRUARY 2022

Item 3 on the Agenda was "BSTime, - good idea or not?"

After lengthy discussions the committee concluded that it would be better to keep to GMT, thus alleviating the need to waste time altering the clocks etc. every six months.

Suggestions were:

- 1) Referendum of North Tawtons town's people.
- 2) Just go ahead and do it.
- 3) Approach North Tawton Town Council with a view to declaring Unilateral Independence for North Tawton with its own time zone.

The committee concluded the latter to be the most "sensible" option.

Any views on the subject? please reply in next month's "Roundabout".

(but keep your views very brief - editors)

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Charity begins at home, and at school

I remember from my own primary school days the excitement, and competitiveness, of sponsored walks raising money for the NSPCC. I don't remember how much I raised, but I do remember knocking on doors of my west London neighbours (not something I would recommend) and asking for pennies per lap of our playground. While many parted with their cash, one neighbour shooed me away calling me a cheeky beggar, another asked me why. Why was I doing this walk, why was I raising money? It was a good question, and one I was not able to answer articulately. 'Coz it's charity, init.' was probably my eloquent response. I didn't really know what the NSPCC did or why I was raising money, it was just what we had been told to do. And I wanted to raise more than Nicola.

Times have changed. Our children are far more aware of what charities are, why they are needed and how they operate, than I was at their age. TV adverts show why money is needed and how it is spent. The evening extravaganza TV shows for Children in Need and Comic Relief show stories of individuals and their personal circumstances and how funds are spent to do many things such as fund breaks for young carers, equipment and access for the physically impaired and support groups for the bereaved. Further afield, money is raised for projects such as building wells, providing education, community centres, vaccine programmes and mosquito nets. Raising money for charity has become part of the school cycle of events.

Charity does begin at home, as the adage says. Our Friends of North Tawton School group (FONTS) have worked hard to raise funds for the school through many events including selling doughnuts on Valentine's Day, making and selling Christmas gift tags, online Christmas market and balloon races and the Bag 2 School collection.

While many charities, like our FONTS found ways to be flexible over the past two years, The Charity Commission reports that

Perhaps the most striking finding is that nearly all charities were impacted by the pandemic – over 90% told us that they have experienced some negative impact from Covid-19, whether on their service delivery, finances, staff, or indeed on staff morale, resulting from the months of frustration and uncertainty. The majority (60%) saw a loss of income, and a third (32%) said they experienced a shortage of volunteers. <https://charitycommission.blog.gov.uk/>

At North Tawton Primary, we explain why we are raising money and what that money is used for. This year at Harvest we explained to children why we were collecting goods for the Okehampton Food Bank, we talked about where our money for Children in Need would be going, and we publish our spending of money raised by FONTS. Our brand new veranda and equipment for Nursery was funded by FONTS. We also use our funds to subsidise trips and events.

Back to my neighbour's question; why? Why do we raise money for charities? By bringing our children up to think about other people and go out of their way to raise money is one way of preparing them to be citizens who consider their own family, friends, community and communities further away.

I was moved by the children in Year 4 asking what they could do to help families fleeing Ukraine. By making posters and asking for cake donations, they were able to sell sweet treats and make some money for the Ukraine appeal. The school and the wider trust are welcoming Ukrainian families and working together to enable a network of support for them as they move in to our towns and villages.

There are many ways to support others, from giving to charity, providing food and spiritual as well as emotional and financial support – a long held tradition of our churches, temples, mosques, gurdwaras, community centres and synagogues. 'Every act of kindness is charity,' said Prophet Muhammad.

Our school benefits from the volunteers of our FONTS and governors who make up our Local Stakeholder Board. We had a Saturday morning volunteers gardening session last month and hope to have more over the coming term. As covid restrictions lift, we hope to welcome back in our volunteer readers and look at new and exciting ways to support our own community and others.

1 Corinthians 13, vv. 13 "And now abide faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (King James Bible).

Tara Penny
Principal of North Tawton Community Primary School

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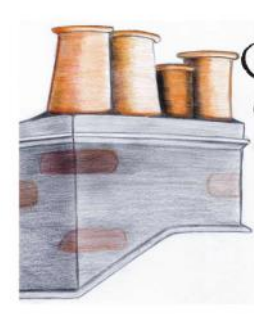
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- Heaviest Marrow/Squash
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- Supermarket Reject/Comic Misshaped Vegetable
- Heaviest Potato
- Heaviest Crop from one Seed Potato (Bucket Challenge) including the
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HOME CRAFT

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

FRUIT & FLOWERS

- 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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11th June – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

9th July – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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 5th Sunday 11 a.m. Joint service at Bondleigh

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**The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant faith and love in every heart,
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(This notice is repeated for those who might be lucky enough to have their May "Roundabout" delivered in time to attend on 23rd April - editors)

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