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"By the grace of God, Queen"

Those words, in their Latin form, are imprinted on the coins of our country. Early in June our Queen, 96 years old, will celebrate 70 years of her reign. There will be celebrations across the land. In North Tawton, on Sunday 5th, there's to be an outdoor celebration, with live music and a host of good things happening. In Sampford Courtenay the 9.30 church service will have its own live music – choir, organ, trumpets, and almost all of it taken from music used at Westminster Abbey for the Queen's coronation. And lots more. Check it out in these pages!

So what are we to celebrate? Much more than an old lady who has managed to live for almost a century. We celebrate someone who has kept her word.

On her 21st birthday the young Elizabeth, who knew she would quite soon be Queen, broadcast to the nation and said:
"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone, unless you join in it with me.
"God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it."

She has kept her word. But she asked for help to do that. Help from people like you and me. And help from God as we know Him in the person of Jesus Christ. On another occasion, she said:

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness...sometimes we need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness...can heal broken families, it can restore friendships, and it can reconcile divided communities."

On another occasion Elizabeth said:

"We must retain the child's readiness to forgive, with which we are all born and which it is all too easy to lose as we grow older...We owe it to our children and grandchildren to live up to the standards of behaviour and tolerance which we are so eager to teach them"

For our Queen, her philosophy of life is rooted in her religious faith. For her, that means Christian faith. But it could just as easily be one of the many other faiths which thrive in our country today. She has said that the Church:

"provides an identity and spiritual dimension for its own many adherents. But also, the Church has created an environment for other faith communities, and indeed people of no faith, to live freely [and] to build a better society...in active co-operation for the common good."

We are fortunate indeed to have someone of so clear and peaceable a philosophy for our monarch. Let us celebrate her Platinum Jubilee whole-heartedly, and in a spirit of peace with one another.

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Scam alert: Council tax rebate

We've heard reports that fraudsters are telephoning people, pretending to be from their local council, to con them into providing their bank details. The callers refer to the government's £150 council tax rebate, which was recently introduced to help people with their rising energy bills.

Posing as a local council, they ask the person for their bank details. Our Trading Standards Team flagged the scam recently and said: "It's a scam. Councils would never cold call and ask for your bank details to make the payment. Never give your bank details to a cold caller."

For more information about the rebate, [visit GOV.UK – Council tax rebate factsheet](#)

Co-option of Councillors

The Council currently has 2 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.

Retirement of Town Clerk

The council wish Sarah Say good luck in her retirement and thanks her for services to the Town. Melanie Bickell has now been promoted to Town Clerk, and as a qualified Clerk, this gives the Council greater spending powers under the General Power of Competence.

Deputy Clerk

The Council welcomes Sharron Reynolds who was appointed as the Deputy Clerk working 12 hours per week, and welcomes Sharron who is a resident of the Town.

Cemetery Extension

The Council asked for public feedback during May on whether to proceed with a land swap of part of the land set aside for the Cemetery extension at no additional cost to the Town. The council will be deciding on whether to proceed with the land swap at their June meeting.

Pavilion in the Memorial Park

The council asked for public feedback during May on the type of gazebo/pavilion to be erected in the park to replace the wooden structure taken down earlier this year, using grant monies received from Denbrook Community Fund. The council will be deciding on this matter in June.

Housing Needs Survey

A good response was received, and the Council was presented with the analysis during May and submitted the document to WD Planning. The survey was partly paid for by a grant from West Devon.

Durant Trust

A meeting of the Durant Trust will be held by the end of July, a date will be set shortly. Please look out on our noticeboard and website for notification of this meeting. The Durant Trust can make grants to organisations for the benefit of residents of North Tawton. Organisations interested in applying can access the application form on our website in due course.

Strawberry Fields Bed

A grant was received from West Devon to replant the flower bed at the junction of Strawberry Fields and the council are looking into further improvement in this area.

Churchyard and car park repairs

The considerable and very expensive stone wall repairs have now been carried out and funded by earmarked reserves of the council.

Cloctower

The tower is a grade II listed building under the care of NTTC who commissioned a specialist clean at taxpayers' expense in April. A new jubilee plaque is on order for the platinum jubilee [subject to LBC].

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

The inaugural performance of the North Tawton Afternoon W.I. Synchronised Swimming Team was almost a (belly) flop. Trying to get them into position was like herding cats. I thought it was quite a simple routine. Nothing too flashy. Just form the letters W and I. Simple. If you screwed up your eyes, looked sideways and used a lot of imagination you could just about make it out. Our routine might need a bit of work if we're going to represent North Tawton in the 2024 Olympics Synchro Swimming in Paris. This athletic debacle formed part of our fabulous 'Away Day at The Waie' – with swimming, skittling, eating and yoga on the menu. The skittling was supposed to be 'fun'. But if a certain President is playing then it's going to be **VERY COMPETITIVE**. Mind your ankles. She means to win. Unfortunately, the skittling Gods were not listening. Her team came a very respectable 2nd – (it would be far too mean to write **LAST**, wouldn't it?)

I confess. Danny Semorad is 'on the money' as they say. I am not a Devon maid. Brace yourselves. I'm a Somerset lass. Does this mean instant expulsion from our lovely town? Will I be marched out to de Bathe Cross with a warning to never set foot in our lovely Spar ever again? Oh, the shame. Let's clear up another little matter. 'He'll never tear a lot abroad'. Husband was heard to utter this particular phrase whilst waiting for traffic lights to change. His gaze alighted on a workman clad in a spectacular amount of Hi Vis clothing. His spectacular amount of Hi Vis clothing was very clean. He was leaning on a shovel and staring at his phone. His work productivity level was a little on the non-existent side. Husband had to pass a comment. It's what he does. Frequently. After a comment is passed it's my job to say 'what the heck does that mean?' as a large percentage of his comments consist of husbandisms. This particular comment translates as 'he's never going to set the world on fire' or to put it even more plainly 'look at that lazy toad over there'. So there you have it.

Rosemary Channing provided some fun and laughter in contrast to the very serious AGM business at our May meeting. Actually, the serious AGM bit was heavily diluted with a tad of Pimm's. We find it helps. Can't remember what was discussed but that's just irrelevant detail. Rosemary recited poems and told superb jokes and stories with impeccable timing. A bit of audience participation is always welcome and after a tad of Pimm's you tend to find that any inhibitions you had have vanished. Once again, our President's competitive streak was unleashed as she battled along with her team members to out do the other team in a spelling contest with a humorous difference. She lost. She's got a formidable glare when she loses.

And finally. So, I was heading to Screwfix/Tool Station/Machine Mart the other day when I was taken hostage in the Exeter Trading Hub and forced, by a very nice lady, to purchase several bone china cake stands. They're gorgeous. I love them. I don't need them. But now I've made a public confession I feel a lot better. And I completely forgot about Screwfix/Tool Station/Machine Mart. Husband thinks I did it on purpose. A bit harsh. And possibly a bit true.

Sue Knott

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FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

Look out for details of activities in the town



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

TREASURE HUNT 2pm organised by the Guides
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SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

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The theme of the parade – 70 years of British history of course! What will *YOU* come as? Can you get together with others in your street, your club, your church congregation, your sports group, your shop or your pub? Or just come in costume by yourself!

Short of inspiration? In the past 70 years, we've seen colour TV, the moonwalk, the Beatles, flower power, the Common Market and the EU, the Internet, the London Olympics, Coronation Street, CND, miniskirts, maxi skirts, Chanel and Vivienne Westwood, Twiggy and Mary Quant.....and a lot more. For the children – 70 years of Disney characters?

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Slug pellets – did you know that the blue slug pellets containing metaldehyde are now banned for sale or use (from 1st April) after it was ruled that they pose an unacceptable risk to birds and mammals such as hedgehogs? Apparently, alternatives are available containing ferric phosphate without carrying the same risk to wildlife.

Disposable barbecues – these, too, could soon be banned. Apparently two major supermarkets have already stopped selling them. Clearly, they need to be used responsibly – apparently they give off carbon monoxide so shouldn’t be used in enclosed spaces (Do people really use them in tents?!); they’ve been known to start wildfires, can be a safety issue on beaches if left unattended before they’ve cooled down; the foil trays, once burnt, can’t be recycled. Makes you wonder why we ever used them at all!

E-waste – how many used mobile phones or computers are hidden away in your home? Many of us are concerned about the security of recycling old devices so hang onto them until Well, until whenever. The chemical elements within them are very much needed now, particularly with the need for newer battery technology. Apparently less than 20% of phones and computers are recycled and the rest are ‘stockpiled’ within our homes. At some point in the not too distant future the raw materials to produce such things are going to run out and we need to ‘mine’ this e-waste and not carry on mining the Earth’s natural resources. According to the Royal Society of Chemistry there are many elements in smartphones that could run out within the next Century. Is there anyone out there within the Roundabout circulation area that can help us arrange an event to make sure that our unused electronic devices are securely wiped and able to be recycled?

Veronica Matthews

SCEnSus Annual Himalayan Balsam Clearance.



<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/balsam/himalayan-balsam-control.htm>

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Den Brook Community Fund

Grant Applications are invited from Charities, Voluntary Organisations, Not-For-Profit organisations and Social Clubs based within the five parishes of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton and Zeal Monachorum. The closing date for this round of applications is 31st July 2022.

Background:

Over the past five years, the fund has been able to allocate grant funding totalling over **£243,500** supporting 47 different local Capital Projects. As a guideline, it is anticipated that the funds available to organisations based in **North Tawton** for this coming financial year will be approximately **£21,000**.

Community Benefits:

Applicants must be able to identify how their project will contribute toward the seven community benefit objectives the Committee originally identified, which are-

Improve local physical health and mental well-being.

Promote the care and support of disadvantaged or vulnerable people.

Encourage and support voluntary activity, community spirit and participation through social, sporting and cultural activities.

Improve local employment opportunities.

Produce deliverable benefits to local communities which provide a sustainable legacy over an extended period of time.

Provision of environmental benefits which contribute to energy efficiency initiatives.

Promote equality of opportunity through delivery of neutral, secular, and a-political outcomes.

Next Steps:

An application pack containing our Guidance Sheet (which explains our Cost/Benefit scoring system), the terms and conditions and the application form, is available from Den Brook Community Fund, c/o North Tawton Town Council Offices, 14a The Square, North Tawton, Devon EX20 2EP or by e-mail at denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com

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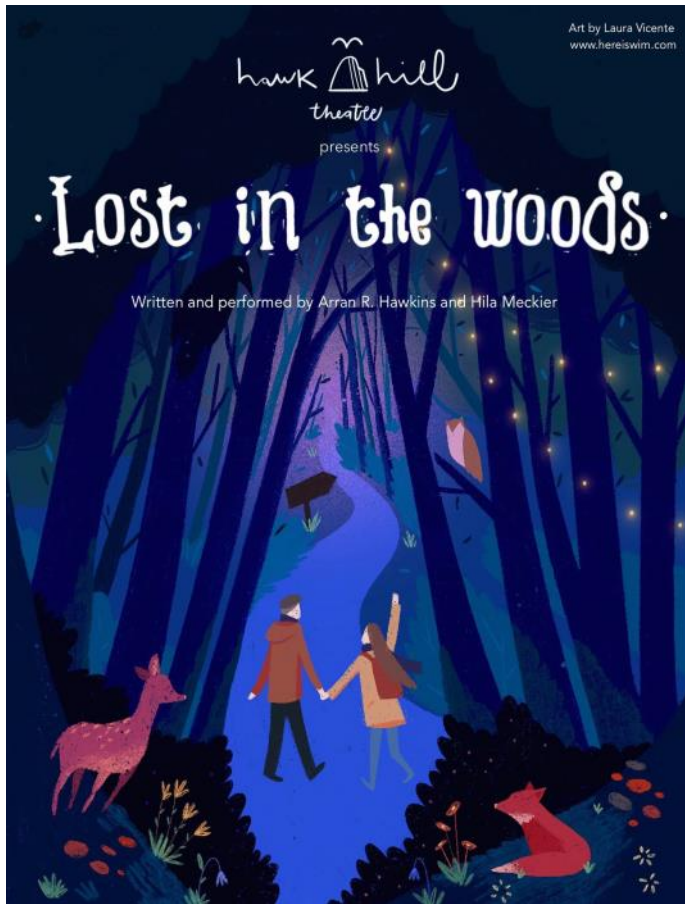
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Applications should be made in writing to:

Clerk to the Trustees /North Tawton School Lands Charity
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and should state the name, age and address of the applicant and give details of the type of education they are pursuing.

Applications must be sent before the **SAT 30th JUNE 2022** Applicants will be advised if a grant has been awarded as soon as possible after that date. It is emphasized that these grants are small and are made entirely at the discretion of the Trustees.



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North Tawton Town Hall – Sunday June 5th 4pm & 7:30pm
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Creddon Arts Center – Friday June 10th 7:30pm
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Booking essential.

Wednesday 8th June 10:00-12:00

Friday 17th June 15:30-17:30

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Monday 6th – Sunday 19th June - High Vis Fortnight

A celebration of ‘all things’ related to accessible libraries and reading.

The availability of alternative formats and cultural engagement through libraries is critical to ensuring that people who are blind, or who have sight loss or anything that stops them from using standard print, can access, enjoy and share a diverse range of reading and experiences.

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Suitable for under 5s. Free. Booking Essential.

Baby Weighing – Tuesdays 09:30-11:30

Free self-weigh facilities for parents to weigh their babies are available in a screened area within the library. This is a new partnership between Libraries Unlimited and Devon Public Health Nursing.

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

Suitable for ages 5+. Free. No booking necessary.

The Secret Book Quest

A completely FREE year-round reading challenge for 5-12 year olds across Devon. To take part, children need to sign up, read 50 books, collect stickers and solve the code.

Children under 8 must be accompanied to all events by a responsible adult

Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library services.

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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Full minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live.

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

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 3rd May held its AGM followed by their normal monthly meeting with eight Councillors present and four members of the public + 1 via Zoom.
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- 2) **Cllr. Michele Wilson** was re-elected as Chair of SCPC, and Cllr. Philip Collins was elected as Vice Chair. Most of the committees remained the same. Full details can be found on our website.
- 3) **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>
- 4) **Re-print of Parish Leaflet** – it was agreed to ask local businesses if they would like to sponsor a reprint of the leaflet rather than it being only available digitally.
- 5) **Additional Dog Litter Bins** – it was suggested that SCPC purchase an additional Dog Litter Bin to be placed at Thornbury Cross. The cost of initial purchase and weekly emptying by WDBC will be approx. £250.00.
- 6) **Defibrillator** – is now fitted and operational in the BT Kiosk in the Square. Training session has been arranged for Thurs 26th May 6.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms.
- 7) **Public Toilets** – essential maintenance to the Public Toilets is almost complete and they should be soon re-opened.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **Jubilee Bench and Picnic tables** - were unveiled at the St. George's Day Teddy Bear's Picnic where a lovely crowd of all ages witnessed the cutting of the ribbon by one of our senior parishioners, Shirley Reddaway.
- 10) **Presentation of the Jubilee Mugs** - (for those who have ordered them) will be made on Sunday 5th June at 12.30 p.m. at the start of the Jubilee Picnic at the Village Hall.

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: Tuesday 7th June 7.30 pm.

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2.- said by a plumber working under the sink 'Tis dark as a dog's guts down here'



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ptarr1@outlook.com**



Sampford Courtenay Parish Council
For those parishioners who have ordered Jubilee Mugs...
The Mugs will be presented at 12.30 p.m. at the Village Hall
prior to the Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June

If you are unable to attend this event, please contact Marion
Pratt 01837 82285 or ClerkSCPC@gmail.com, to make
alternative arrangements.



**SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL
FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:-

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| TAP DANCING | Thursday 2-3 p.m. |
| TABLE TENNIS | Weekly ring 01837 851659 for details |
| FLOWER CLUB | 2 nd Monday of every month 2.30 p.m. |
| CRAFT & CHAT | 2 nd & 4 th Thursday of every month 3.15 to 4.45 p.m. |

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Jubilee Platinum Picnic | Sunday 5 th June 12 midday |
| Craft and Chat | Thursday 9 th June 3.15 to 4.45p.m. |
| Craft and Chat | Thursday 23 rd June 3.15 to 4.45p.m. |
| Summer Ball (see separate advert) | Friday 24 th June 7 p.m. till late |
| Open Gardens | Sunday 3 rd July details to follow |

Please see separate adverts or visit the parish website/
facebook for more details on all of these events
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*Grand Summer Ball
Friday 24th June – 7 p.m.
Sampford Courtenay Village Hall*

A sparkling drinks reception with canapes

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*Chicken Supreme with a White Wine, Leek,
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*Buttered Baby Potatoes
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Dancing to Karina and the Slaves

The Two Moors Festival – October 2022
Tamsin Waley-Cohen announces this year’s programme
featuring Benjamin Appl, I Fagiolini, Michael Morpurgo, Albion Quartet, Fretwork,
Orsino Ensemble & Consone Quartet

Celebrating the theme of friendship in music, Artistic Director and violinist **Tamsin Waley-Cohen** announces the 2022 **Two Moors Festival** programme which includes pieces by the Schumanns, Schubert, Beethoven, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Brahms.

The internationally-renowned Festival takes place over nine days in **October** – on **Dartmoor** from **Wednesday 5th – Sunday 9th October 2022**, and on **Exmoor** from **Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th October 2022**. Venues on Dartmoor range from Exeter Cathedral to St. Eustachius’ Church Tavistock, from Great Fulford, Dunsford to St. Michael the Archangel’s Church, Chagford.

Since 2001, the Two Moors Festival (charity number 1095723) has welcomed outstanding international artists and the rising stars of the next generation to perform for large and enthusiastic audiences in venues spread across Dartmoor and Exmoor.

The Festival presents an artistic programme to rival many high-profile city-based events and has an international reputation for excellence way beyond its immediate physical reach. It attracts some of the most exciting performers in the world of the calibre only seen in large City venues.

Over the past twenty-one years, the Festival has won widespread acclaim for innovative commissions of operas, song cycles and chamber pieces, and for its work with hundreds of children and adults from local communities. It has also helped scores of young musicians and emerging professional artists to take the next step through its Young Musicians’ Competition and Residency programmes. 2022 will see the return of the Festival’s outreach programme into local primary and secondary schools – “Moor Music”.

Highlights of the 2022 Festival on Dartmoor include:

- Performance of Schubert’s song cycles – Schubert’s *Winterreise* with Benjamin Appl and James Baillieu.
- Anniversary celebrations of 150 years for Ralph Vaughan Williams, and 400 years for Matthew Locke, in Exeter Cathedral, where he once carved his name.
- “At the Schumanns” three concerts will be held at the historic country house of Great Fulford, near Exeter. A family interactive concert with the Albion Quartet.

And on Exmoor:

- Celebrated author Michael Morpurgo will re-enact his best-selling book *War Horse* with Ben Murray, the original songman from the National Theatre production.
- Schumann’s *Dichterliebe* song cycle with soprano, Anna Dennis and the Consone Quartet.
- National Opera Studio’s Gala concert.
- Young Musicians’ Competition Winners concert.
- Late Night Jazz with Alice Zawadski.

Further visiting artists include I Fagiolini, Fretwork, the Orsino Ensemble, Jess Dandy and Elisabeth Brauss interspersed with some pre-concert talks from Laura Tunbridge from Oxford University and Katy Hamilton. **Tamsin Waley-Cohen**, Artistic Director said: “This year I have chosen the theme of “Friendship”. The extended lockdowns and isolations that we have all experienced over these last two years have highlighted ever more indelibly how vital a lifeline our friendships are to us all. Shakespeare said “No man is an island”, and as usual, he knew what he was talking about. We are exploring this theme throughout the Festival, visiting the home of the Schumanns’, looking at Beethoven, Mozart, and Schumann, Dvorak, Janacek, and Haas, as well as celebrating anniversaries of Vaughan-Williams and Matthew Locke.”

Tickets will go on sale to the general public in mid-June. For further details please go to the website – www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk

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You are warmly invited to join the Choral Society and friends as they celebrate

‘LEAVING LOCKDOWN’

in an hour of live music made by local musicians. Starting at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday 2ND July 2022 at Fairplace Church in Okehampton, the informal programme will appeal to people of all ages. Families will be most welcome.

We shall also enjoy guest performances from our friends Ruth Penrose (clarinet)
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Bondleigh Rainfall

April was another dry month. I feel that if climate change continues redundancy could be looming!! However with the month's rainfall at 33.5 mm., it was not as dry as last year. April 2021 had only 13 mm., but that was followed by a very wet May. So far this May shows all the signs of being another dry month. Watch this space!

Danny Semorad



Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

13th June 2022 2.30 p.m.

Fiona Hammond
Imposed

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

Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

<http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>

The website is managed by **Julie Carpenter**
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READING GROUP

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for further information or to join
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Sampford Courtenay Open Gardens Sunday, 3rd July 2022

An invitation to explore 15 lovely gardens in and
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(£5 per person. Children under 13 go free)

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ACE Archaeology Club. Springing into Summer!!

Since I last wrote we have had three ACE days, two looking at things on Dartmoor and one to do with a church at South Tawton. The weather was kind to us on all of them, so we must be doing something right.

In March we set off to finish something we started a few years ago. We were helping out an ACE member with work on her parish churchyard at South Tawton. We had previously surveyed most of it but have now finished that and also helped to decipher some of the older inscriptions on the gravestones. This will help visitors trying to do family research.

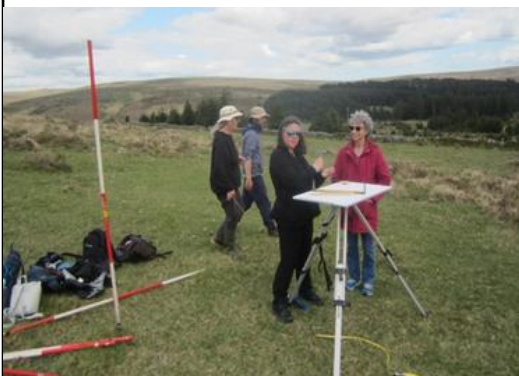


*Left
In the churchyard. Chloe using her not yet patented cardboard tube to help read faded inscriptions. It works!*



Our April ACE day was a trip to Mardon Down, near Moretonhampstead. We explored prehistoric cairns, saw stone rows and discussed local legends. The surprise of the day was that seemingly the whole of Mardon Down is riddled with World War 2 practice trenches. There was even evidence of bridging, railway cuttings and embankments which had been constructed by American engineers. The morning prehistory session was led by Andy Crabb, our Archaeology adviser and also a Dartmoor National Park archaeologist. The afternoon WW2 session was led by our member Anne Whitbourn.

Above : WW2 archaeology on Mardon Down



May's ACE Day was again on Dartmoor this time at Goadstone or Goatstone, depending on your preference.

Left Plane table surveying

The Goadstone area is very popular and accessible with the result that there is a fair amount of erosion happening around the prehistoric sites. We were comparing four previous surveys with what we could now see on the ground and working out what remedial work needs to be done to protect the sites. We plane-table surveyed two cairns and started an off-set survey of two stone rows but this wasn't finished so we will be going back there at some stage.

The rest of the summer will be taken up with preparation for our dig in July, 16th to the 31st. We hope to have an open day, probably on the 23rd so do look out for information about that on our website and our Facebook page. We really would like to see anyone who is interested.

As ever, contact us through our website or our Facebook page.

Erica Williamson
(with thanks to Mac Howard and Janet Daynes for their contributions).
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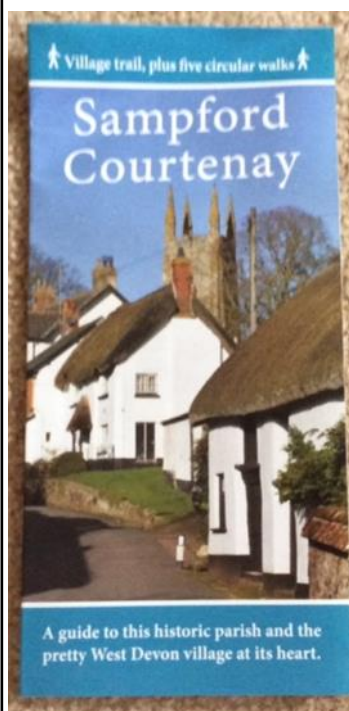
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News From North Tawton Community Primary School

Testing Times



This term we see the return of the Y1 phonics screening, Year 2 and Year 6 standard assessment tests (SATs) also a new times table test for Year 4. These tests will take place in school with as much preparation, but as little stress as possible!

Assessment is important, it informs teachers, pupils, and parents of what has been understood and what is needed to aid further learning. Tests are only one form of assessment, we use questioning, writing, drawing, quizzes, conversation and observation to aid our teaching daily.

Mrs Ware and Miss Ruby wrote the following letter to our Y6 pupils:

"Next week you will sit your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important we want you to know. The SATs test does not assess all of what make you unique and special. The people who create these tests and score them do not know you the way we do and certainly not in the way your families do. They do not know that some of you love Harry Potter so much so, that you could smash out a prize on Mastermind or draw amazingly detailed comics in Japanese. They have not seen your natural talent for drawing, painting or artwork or the ability to play a musical instrument. They do not know that you can cook your family a meal after a hard day's work or bake your friends a cake for a sleepover you are going to have. They do not know that you are a coding genius, who can use Scratch to create games beyond the imagination. They do not know that you are an excellent cross-country runner, always striving to be the best. They do not know that you are an exceptional horse rider and are not afraid to get back up again! They do not know that you are the kindest older sibling anyone could possibly have, who has an incredibly wise head on their shoulders. They do not know that you have a talent for sewing and have created many masterpieces in recent months. They do not know that you have an amazing understanding and knowledge of farming life, that you could identify any piece of farm machinery and what it is used for. They do not know that you are the most kind, trustworthy and thoughtful friend anyone could want and that you have looked after your peers on occasions in school and out. They do not know that your general knowledge and ability to describe historical and geographical facts is worthy of a place on the Chase or Tipping Point! The scores you get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! You are amazing! You are unique! That is why each and every one of you is so special. So, while you are preparing for the test, in the midst of it all, remember there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU! Sleep, rest, relax, believe and sparkle!"

I couldn't have said it better! Good luck to all our children in their upcoming tests!

Tara Penny (Principal)

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.

The meeting was held on Tuesday May 10th in Exbourne village hall.

Margaret Cleveland (President) was welcomed back after her accident and Jerusalem was sung. The first part of the meeting was the AGM. Treasurer's (Sally Kenealy) report was adopted and proposed by Sandra Luxton and seconded by Bonnie Stenning. The secretary's (Anne Leaman) report was adopted and proposed by Gwyneth Leonard and seconded by Karen Hunter. The president's (Margaret Cleveland) report was adopted and proposed by Margaret Hawkins and seconded by Margaret Rook. Two members of the committee resigned, Shirley Reddaway and Gwyneth Leonard and were replaced by Rosie Dunn and Irene Harrison. The committee stays the same otherwise. Sandra Luxton is standing down as the MCS (membership) Rep. She was thanked for her work.

More arrangements were made about the Cream Tea which the WI is putting on for the Jubilee Celebrations on Friday June 3rd. There is to be a Plant Sale at the event organised by Ethel Nancekivell. It had been announced that there would be no competitions at the agricultural shows this year.

The speaker was Sally Kenealy, who is the treasurer, who talked about her time as a member of the British fencing team, having attended the Munich Olympic Games. She had travelled widely in her time, including most European countries, Russia, Beirut and Egypt. A very full and interesting life.

The competition was for a 'Local Relic' and won by Ethel Nancekivell.

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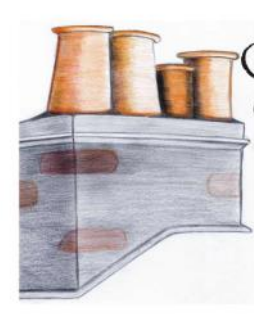
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- Door Step planted Floral Container – Red, White and Blue **(On show from Sat 28th May)**
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| 12th June | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion BCP |
| 19th June | 6.00 p.m. | Evensong |
| 26th June | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion |

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