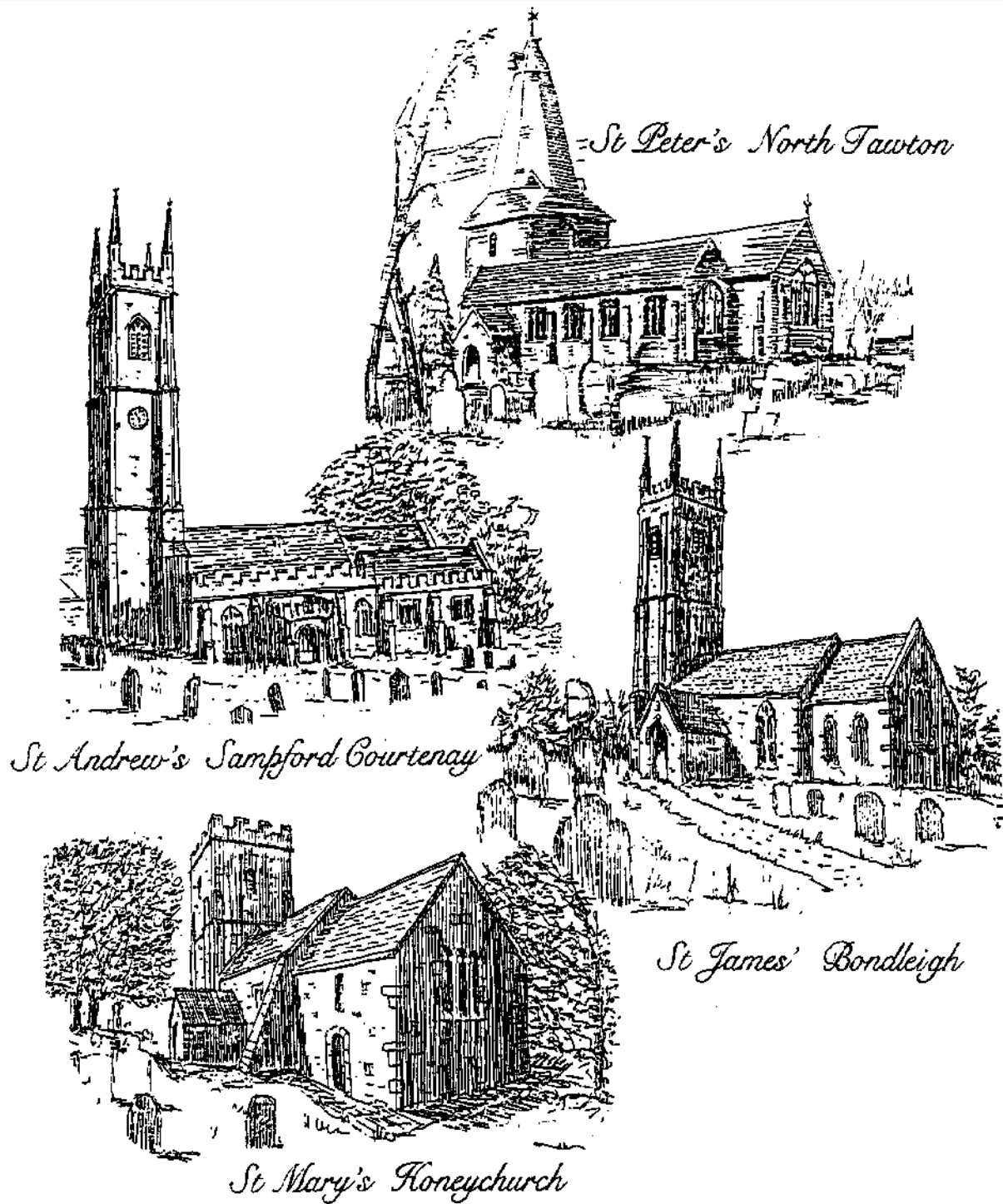


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## Not from The Rectory

I obviously did an ok job last time, as I've been invited to write again! This article is hopefully going to be the last from 'outside' the Rectory as we all look forward in anticipation to the arrival of Revd. David Spence and his family to our parishes. David was appointed in June and will be licensed by the Bishop of Exeter next month. We are very excited and it is a huge relief to many of us in our churches, not least myself, who have been trying to keep things running reasonably smoothly in the absence of a vicar. Sometimes a vacancy can go on for quite a while, but for us it will be almost exactly a year. Maybe from September, I can return to fulfilling my own job description!

It has been a busy year for many of us, I'm sure, and the summer months are no exception. If like me you have young children, the challenges of no school for 6 weeks can be a daunting prospect – or maybe you're a grandparent who will need to be called upon more often than usual. I'm anticipating spending a good chunk of the summer knee deep in children's toys, out of pocket from the different activities needed to keep the children entertained and slightly deaf from the constant vying for attention. On top of this juggling act, things are needing to be done – both at home and at work.

Now we are into the summer holidays and for many this is a lovely time of year. Time off school, more time with family and friends and a more laid-back approach to life... at least for a while. I wonder if you've been preparing for anything over recent weeks or if you are getting ready for the weeks to come. Maybe you're packing a bag or two to head off somewhere on holiday, or a day trip with the (grand)kids or like the rectory in North Tawton, as you may have noticed, you've got the scaffolding up or have gutted the kitchen ahead of some work being done. Preparation is just as important as the thing you are preparing for. If you are poorly prepared, it will probably come round to bite you at some point.

As churches we are in a period of preparation as we await the arrival of our new vicar to our parishes and during the last year, although we have been keeping things going on the ground as best as possible, we have also been gently preparing ourselves and the community for September, so

that when Revd. David arrives, he is able to hit the ground running with the support from our churches and ministry team. This preparation will benefit everyone and has already started to. It's definitely kept us on our toes as we've looked to grow our church activities and bring people together more.

I remember a comical saying from a number of years ago – I think it was a poster too: "Jesus is coming, look busy". As in Jesus' second coming was imminent, so we'd better look like we're doing something worthwhile. It's funny to think about - everyone running around finding 'good Christian things' to do but it does miss the point. Maybe the same could be joked about when referring to our new vicar starting...look busy!

But the real point I'm making is, are we preparing well? Are we putting things into place and living as though what we do means something to someone? Are we waiting until the last minute to sort everything out? We can aimlessly toss items into a suitcase before going on a trip without really thinking about what needs to go in there – not giving proper thought or preparation and the same can be said of our lives in general. We can often find ourselves drifting without direction or purpose, even if it's for a short while, or get ourselves stuck in a monotonous circle of life. I believe that Jesus gives us that purpose. That reason to live and that reason to love. That reason to show kindness and to provide safe spaces for people to share the ups and downs of life together. That reason to put others before ourselves and serve them instead of judging them. So as churches we are preparing for our new vicar – but we aren't needing to 'look busy' because we are busy. Why? Because we love Jesus and want to share that with those around us and serve our communities with joy. We believe Jesus will return one day, and when he does, we want to be ready – and part of that is doing what he teaches us.

So, whether you are preparing for a holiday, some building work or something a little more important, it's good to stop and think, am I prepared? Have I prepared well?

*Wez Cutler Parish Worker*

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Libraries Unlimited Chief Executive, Alex Kittow said, "We are devastated by the news that our much-loved Torrington Mobile Library has been destroyed by fire over the weekend. Understandably this incident has hit the local team particularly hard. They are working to oversee the clean up process as well as informing customers that the mobile library service will be off the road whilst we sort temporary solutions."

Our staff will be contacting customers to update them personally on the suspension of the service and we will be working with partners and other stakeholders to try and identify ways of getting a mobile service back on the road as soon as possible.

As an emergency measure we will automatically renew books that are due back whilst this service is temporarily suspended. Customers can also use our online services to access eBooks and eAudiobooks, renew books and browse at [devonlibraries.org.uk](http://devonlibraries.org.uk).

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity (1170092) responsible for running libraries in Devon and Torbay.

If you have any questions, please contact [info@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:info@librariesunlimited.org.uk).



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## **Goodbye and thank you to Cllr. Jean Trehitt**

Jean joined NTTC in 2015 and was a very highly thought of and proactive member of the council and will be missed. Together with others, Jean helped develop and achieve the making of North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan and was the Chairperson of the Town Council for a year. Sadly, Jean has resigned from NTTC as she is leaving the Parish and we wish her good luck and happiness in her new home.

## **Council Vacancies**

The vacancy left by Jean has been advertised and we hope to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. In July we co-opted Alec Ranford to the Council, and we welcome him and look forward to working with him on behalf of the Parish

## **Cemetery Extension.**

The Council have appointed PCL planning consultants to prepare the planning application for the proposed cemetery extension, and they are in the process of gathering the required reports and surveys prior to submission.

## **Pavilion in the Memorial Park**

The council are waiting for tenders from companies for a pavilion in the park using monies obtained via a grant from Denbrook Community Fund.

## **Housing Needs Survey**

The council will be working with West Devon BC – Alex Rehaag, to produce a conclusion to the HNS and look into assisting the formation of a Community Land Trust for the Town.

## **Town Clerk**

Sadly, the Deputy Town Clerk has resigned, and the Council have now increased the Town Clerk to 32 hours per week rather than seek to appoint a Deputy Clerk. Stephen Webb, who used to be Assistant Clerk will locum up to 3 hours per week whilst the Town Clerk is on leave to answer urgent enquiries. The Town Council office is open for 'drop-in' between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Appointments can be made outside of these hours if you need to speak to the Town Clerk or a councillor at a different time.

## **Development 'Phase II Batheway'**

The Town council has requested a site meeting with the developers 'Allison Homes', to discuss Residents' concerns and progress of the build. Please refer to West Devon Planning website and search for planning reference 1549/18/FUL to see the approved plans for the site. Should you have any concerns that a planning breach is occurring, it should be reported directly to West Devon Planning Enforcement department as soon as evident, via the West Devon planning website.

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

I love to peruse the shelves of a second-hand bookshop. Husband waits outside. It's not his thing. This particular bookshop was in Lynton, tucked away behind their lovely Town Hall. Did you know that (according to the Visit Lynton and Lynmouth website) their Town Hall is a 'strange mixture of mock-Gothic, neo-Tudor and art nouveau design'. It's a beautiful building, inside and out. Go and have a look. Tell them I sent you. Anyway – back to the bookshop. My eye was drawn to the spine of a book that reads as follows: - 'Wise Words & Country Ways – Weather Lore'. For a fleeting moment I wondered if husband had secretly secured a publishing deal. But no. Unless he has decided to adopt the pen name 'Ruth Binney'. I had to buy it of course. It's full of stories and sayings about the weather and forecasting. A subject closer to husband's heart than his Dickie's boiler suit. Let me give you an example of the wise and wonderful sayings from this book. 'Never offer your hen for sale on a rainy day'. Got that? Would you like one more? 'Dry your barley in October, or you'll always be sober'. Thank you, Ruth Binney. (translations next time if needed).

Stuart Luxton offered us a wise old saying as part of his talk about 'Farmer Luxtons'. When it comes to customer service there are two rules. Rule 1 – the customer is always right. Rule 2 – If the customer is wrong, refer to Rule 1. Brilliant.

Stuart introduced us to the Luxton family and described how his parents taught him the simple value of hard work. After finishing college, it was off to university to study agriculture as, in Stuart's opinion, he would probably be spending the rest of his life in Okehampton. He returned to the family farm where, after an initial refusal from his dad, Stuart's suggestion of opening a farm shop met with a 'yes'. What followed was an incredibly steep learning curve. Stuart went on to talk about the business as it is now, how customer service is at the heart of everything they do, how they keep to exactly the same recipes, and how proud he is of his lovely team. Farmer Luxtons employs nearly 40 people and Stuart was keen to point out how important it is to him to take on young apprentices. He describes his business as 'traditional' – a butcher that can supply everything. Questions from the audience included 'how can I get crispy crackling' – (it helps if you've got a special crackling button on your oven) and 'who does the cooking at home' (his wife). He included advice on sharpening knives and how barbecuing is more popular than ever – (ask him for a Boston Butt next time you're firing up the barbie). One thing was very clear – his total commitment and passion to his team, his trade and his customers.

Ever been to Bridge Mill at Bridgerule near Holsworthy? North Tawton W.I. have. It's like stepping back in time. A restored working water mill and a 16-acre organic smallholding with ponds, a vegetable garden and beautifully managed, natural flower plantings. Rosie and Alan have created a haven of escapism – with tea and home-made cake on the side. An air-conditioned coach was much appreciated too, with a wonderfully helpful driver who didn't seem to mind the raucous rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to Ro's mum. We had a quick whip round for the wonderfully helpful driver – (not sure what he'll do with the foreign coin that was spotted in the collection pot). *Sue Knott*

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The Reverend Doctor David Spence

It has been announced that the Reverend Doctor David Spence has been appointed Team Vicar in the Whiddon Team Ministry with special responsibility for North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay and Honeychurch.

David and his wife Ellie have four children, two in primary school and two at secondary level.

The family will be moving to North Tawton, from his current post near Witney, in August and he will be licensed on September 7th at Sampford Courtenay.

We are very pleased that an appointment has been made in such a relatively short time and look forward to welcoming David and his family to North Tawton.

David will be telling you more himself in the September edition of Roundabout

**BONDLEIGH**  
**Sunday, 31st July**  
**11 a.m.**

**St. James' Patronal Festival Service**  
with Archdeacon Douglas Dettmer.

Come along at 10.30 a.m. to enjoy breakfast refreshments before the service which will be the only one in the Benefice.

#### **EXCITING RAINBOW NEWS**

We have some exciting news to give you from Guiding HQ.

In 2020 they started a pilot scheme with 4 year old Rainbows. Obviously Covid has caused problems with this and they have only just made a final decision.

From September 2022 Rainbow units all over the UK will now be able to take 4 year olds as long as there is space in the unit, or they can go on the waiting list. Northern Ireland have had Rainbows start at 4 since Rainbows started in 1997 but it has always been 5 in the rest of the UK.

Our maximum number here is 14 so there will be a few spaces in September. If you have a daughter or know of anyone who would like their daughter to go on the waiting list then please tell them to go to the Girlguiding website and complete their information on Join Us and this will then be passed to North Tawton Rainbows.

*Jane Simons*

#### **Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.**

The latest meeting was held in the village hall, with many members wearing a wonderful selection of hats. There was supposed to be a Birthday Party for 100 year old Kath Neno, who has been a member for most of her life. But the weather was too hot for her to attend. There will be a party for her at a later date. The meeting started with the singing of Jerusalem. The speaker was Janet Williams of Hatsahead Millinery. Janet was born in Ghana and had lived in many parts of the world. She learnt about millinery and demonstrated how hats are made. It looked like hard but fascinating work as the base work was accomplished. She had brought a big selection of hats which members tried on. She was thanked by Sally Kenealy.

After refreshments the business of the evening began. Because of illness in the family, Rosemary Lowe had retired from the committee and Cherry Chidwick was co-opted. The next Ladies Walking Group will be meeting at Winkleigh Woods on Friday July 29th. An outing to the War Horse Park, Idlesleigh is booked for August 23rd and a visit to the Dartmoor Photographic Exhibition at Providence Methodist Church is to be arranged by Anne Leaman. A Soup and Puds Lunch is to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday October 15th from 12 noon to 2 p.m.,. Margaret Rook won the Flower of the Month competition and instead of a proper competition, members wearing hats were awarded points. The next meeting will be held in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall on Tuesday September 13th at 7 p.m., when the speaker will be John Christian, a watercolour artist.

*Margaret Weeks*

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- Smart work wear
- Casual Autumn/winter clothes
- Party & Special Occasion

If you can help and want to donate then please contact Michele or Marion on the above details.

If you want to take part as a 50/50 sale then speak to us regarding your items.

All items will be for sale on the night and at the SCEnSus recycle coffee morning 1000 on 22 October. Anything not sold will go to Charities in Okehampton

#### Rethink

about rethinking how we buy. Do we need more? If yes then think about where they come from and the way they are made. Buy local or second hand where possible.

#### Refuse

To really make a difference to buy products that are good for the planet/peop as plastic based synthetics unethical fast fashion or to not buy new clothes

#### Reduce

This means reducing either the amount of new clothes we buy or reducing the need for using new raw materials. Tips include buying clothing made from recycled fibres or secondhand.

#### Repair

Become a Crafter! Taking care of/repairing our clothes makes them last longer. That is good news for all! Repair at home or join a workshop to learn new skills & also meet new people!

#### Reuse

not reuse something you do have by customising it something new. Another is to go to or even host a clothes swap party! Give old

#### Recycle

At the end of its life then reuse. Either upcycle, donate, charity or send it off to be broken down into a recycled fibre for contained clothes or



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October  
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Sampford  
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SCEnSus are holding a Fashion show with an Eco Twist on Friday 21st October

If you would like to donate any of the following good quality clothes-

- Smart work wear
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- Party & Special Occasion

(female/male/children all welcome)

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If you want to donate on a 50/50 sale basis then speak to us regarding your items.

All items will be for sale at both the show and through the popup shop at this SCEnSus recycle coffee morning. Come along and see some of the other recycling ideas that can inspire you to reduce, recycle & reuse. Anything not sold after the coffee morning will go to Charities in Okehampton.



Sampford Courtenay Bell Ringers will be hosting their annual competition at St. Andrew's on the afternoon of Saturday, 13th August, by kind permission of the church wardens. Ringing between 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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The vision for the barn has now grown into a full-time business with thirteen couples tying the knot and dancing the night away in 2021 alone. The stunning outdoor ceremony spaces, rustic barn and helpful and supportive staff all contributed to Ashridge Great Barn being voted County Champion in the **Best of Bridebook Awards 2022** - receiving the highest number of five-star reviews in Devon.

Talking about the way the business is set up, Cat explains "The Barn is a blank canvas, couples can put together their celebrations however they like. We support them to organise a wedding that showcases their personality as a duo and brings joy to all involved. That was my experience planning our wedding and I wanted to share that with couples who choose the Barn as their venue."

The barn has also been used for birthday celebrations, craft fairs and pop-up restaurants offering unique flexibility in a sustainable environment. This year they will be hosting the second *Not Your Average Wedding Showcase* on the 16th of October – a great day out for those headed towards a celebration of love of any kind.

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Our next event is at the Community Centre on Barton Street

10th September – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
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**SCPC** – on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July held their normal monthly meeting with 6 councillors, & 2 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>

**Training & Development Policy** – as advised by Internal Auditor, SCPC adopted a new Training Policy that encourages Councillors and Clerk to attend appropriate courses to ensure they are up-to-date with current local council matters and regulations.

**Refurbishment of the Public Toilets** – work should have now been completed to ensure the integrity of the building by replacing roof, windows and doors.

**Safer Roads** – Another Speed Watch was conducted and 4 vehicles out of 179 were exceeding the speed limit. They will receive letters from the Police.

**Accident Register** – parishioners are reminded that the Clerk is keeping a record of any accidents or near misses that occur within the parish to provide as evidence for reducing speed limits within the area. Horse Riders should also note that they can report accidents via the British Horse Society app <https://www.bhs.org.uk/our-work/safety>

**Himalayan Balsam Clearance** – a big Thank you to the 16 volunteers who turned out to help with this annual clearance along the stream from New Inn to Honeychurch.

### **Future Fund-Raising Events for projects on the Village Green**

- Oct 1st – Oktoberfest Event – Fund Raising for future projects to improve the Village Green.
- Oct 21st – Recycle Fashion Show – SCEnSus event to promote recycling and fund raise for future projects on village green
- Oct 22nd – SCEnSus Coffee Morning – continuing the Recycle Theme and fund raising.
- PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE AND COME AND SUPPORT.

**Autumn Open Meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – will be on a RE-CYCLING THEME

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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.**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7.30 pm.

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### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

No meeting in August

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TABLE TENNIS	Weekly ring 01837 851659 for details
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CRAFT & CHAT	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.

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Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 12.00 to 2 p.m.

Summertime Cream Tea -  
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Barn Dance Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7 p.m.

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## Bondleigh Rainfall

Although there were very few hot days in June, there was not a great deal of rain either. In fact the ground is dry. At the end of the month there were some thundery days, which either produced a deluge or very little rain. On the 29th Bondleigh had 12.8mm whereas most of N. Devon had nothing. However on the 30th we missed the thunder storms which affected the Crediton area. The total for June was 48.6mm, almost exactly the same as last year with 50.6mm. As we head into July there seems to be a heatwave on the way. Watch this space.

I couldn't help but notice in last month's Roundabout Sue Knott's new found interest - tractors! Am I bold enough to suggest a future topic for the Afternoon W.I.ladies? A talk about tractors! So interesting and I am sure Richard (husband) would oblige in sharing his wealth of knowledge.

*Danny Semorad*

## Barn dance

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## News From North Tawton Community Primary School



The children at North Tawton Primary have had a wonderful Summer Term. From competing in Sports day to having fun at the Summer Fair, singing together in our music concert to enjoying outdoor learning, our pupils have been busy! Here are some photos to show you children from our Little Seedlings, up to our Years Six class out and about, exploring new places, having new experiences and being together!

From the staff team at North Tawton, we wish everyone a very happy Summer!



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<b>VEGETABLES</b>				
1	Longest Carrot			
2	Longest Runner Bean			
3	Heaviest Marrow/Squash			
4	Heaviest Onion			
5	Supermarket Reject/Comic mis-shaped Vegetable			
6	Heaviest single Potato			
7	Heaviest Crop Potato (Buckets)		FOC	
<b>HEMECRAFT</b>				
8	<b>Photo – Your favourite Jubilee Celebration photo</b>			
9	<b>Painting – Portrait of the Queen (any medium)</b>			
10	Scarecrow	These have already been judged by the Public. Winners to be announced at the Show.	FOC	
11	Door Step Floral Container		FOC	
12	Best Decorated House		FOC	
13	<b>Limerick – Memorable Event from past 70 years</b>			
14	Re-cycled/Up-cycled Item			
<b>FRUIT &amp; FLOWERS</b>				
15	Tallest Sunflower (measured at your home)			
16	Sunflower head with largest diameter (please bring to show to be measured.)			
17	Longest stick of Rhubarb			
18	Heaviest Tomato			
19	Heaviest Apple			
20	Buttonhole or Corsage you could present to the Queen.			
21	Longest Dock Leaf			
22	Longest Stinging Nettle			
<b>CHILDREN</b>				
23	Plate of Queen of Hearts Tarts (4)			
24	<b>Painting – Portrait of the Queen (any medium)</b>			
13	Model of a Royal Palace (made from any medium)			
14	Recycled Item – make something new from something old.			
<b>YOUR NAME</b>		<b>YOUR ADDRESS</b>		

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

There were no entries in the registers this month



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

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### NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL

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### Pause for Thought

Maker of worlds beyond our knowing,  
Realms which no human eye can scan,  
Yet by a wondrous love bestowing  
Through Christ thy saving aid to man;  
Lord, while the hymns of all creation  
Rise ever to thy throne above,  
We too would join in adoration,  
Owing thee God of changeless love.

*Jack Winslow (1882 -1974)*



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### Sampford Courtenay

August	Jeanette Baker
September	Rosemary Lowe

### Honeychurch

August	Vera Collins
September	Pat Squire

### Bondleigh

Aug 7th	Hazel Towell
Aug 14th / 21st	Sonia Rix
Aug 28th / Sept 4th	Rose Smith
Sept 11th / 18th	Jane Semorad
Sept 25th	Jacqui Bourne

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

Aug 7th	Hannah Forsey (IMO Jean Selman)
Aug 14th / 21st	Monica Simons
Aug 28th / Sept 4th	Jo Fear, Celia Boughton & Vicky
Sept 11th / 18th	Margaret Arscott
Sept 25th	Joan Nicholls

#### Brass

August	Celia Boughton & Jo Fear
September	Margaret Arscott

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### North Tawton

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