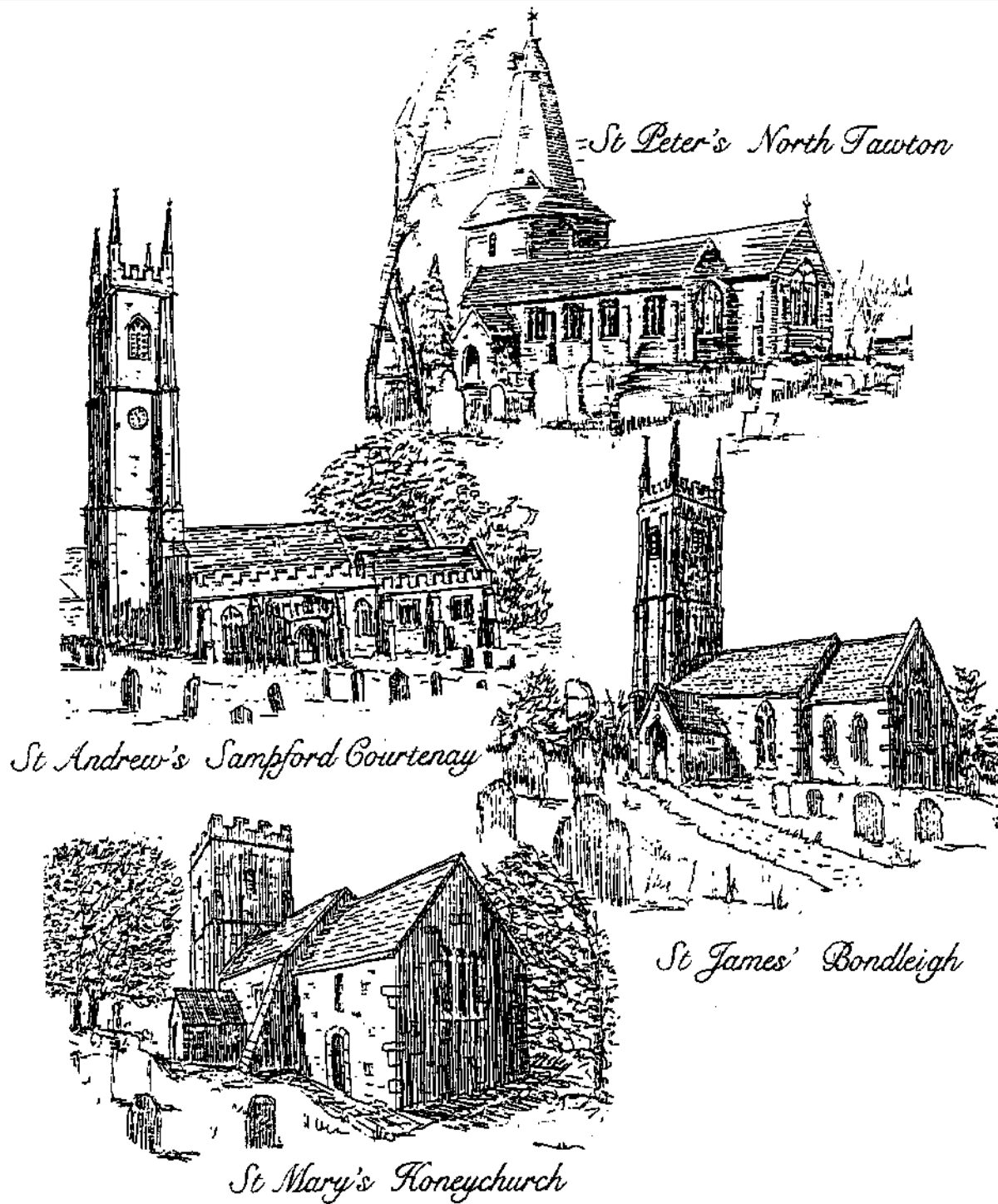


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From The Rectory



Hello! My name is David and I am the new Team Vicar of North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, Bondleigh and Honeychurch. I am married to Ellie, and we have four children – Daniel, Joel, Miriam and Ben. Each of our children was born in a different part of the country as we have moved around a lot as a family – North Tawton will be our eighth (and hopefully more permanent!) home.

I grew up on the island of Jersey and moved to England to study computing at university where I met Ellie. I then spent five years in computing research, based in Reading. Around the time my first son was born, God called me to be a vicar, and we

moved to Trinity College, Bristol to train. Our next move was to be a curate in rural Oxfordshire where I helped look after twelve churches across fifteen small villages. I was then an assistant minister in a large church on the edge of Hull, and then in Witney (in the Cotswolds). A large proportion of my time in Witney was during lockdown.

I enjoy connecting with God through exploring the countryside, on foot or by bike. So, if you do see me out and about then do say hello! I am also a keen follower of professional cycling, notably the Tour de France. As a family, we all enjoy camping holidays – particularly if there are hills and mountains involved!

We have ministered in a variety of churches, but God has put a particular passion in our heart for rural life and churches and so we are really looking forward to getting to know you all as we join you in West Devon. We have been already so blessed by the warm welcome we have received from everyone we have met down here – thank you.

This reminds me how God has designed the church to share his loving welcome with the world.

Everyone is welcome to come to him through Jesus. None of us is beyond that welcome. I love the picture painted by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son – of God as a loving father, watching for us to return to him – filled with compassion, running to greet us and throw his arms around us to welcome us home.

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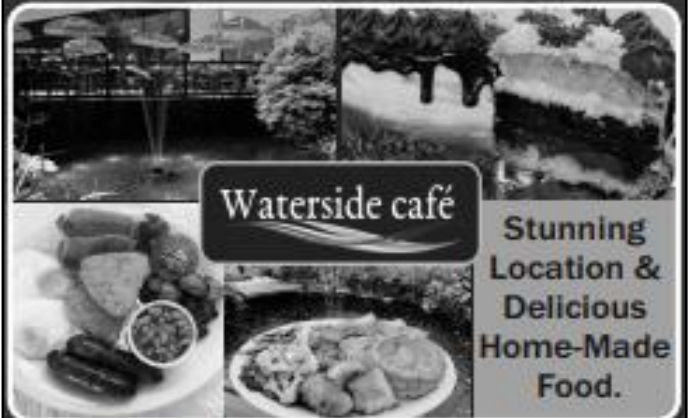
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Ever since she started painting over twenty years ago, Celia has always enjoyed looking for and trying out new ways of creating her art and this past year has been no different. Lately Celia has been experimenting with mono-printing and collage methods and is looking forward to showing these along with her water colour and mixed media paintings. Some works are influenced by what these methods do and many others are still inspired by the new views she discovered during the lockdown periods.

Devon Open Studios brochures are being distributed to various venues in our locality. For a downloadable guide go to [Home - Devon Open Studios](#)

News from the Moor



Hi everyone

My daily rain dance doesn't seem to be making any difference as yet. It is a rare thing to have so many people desperately hoping for rain – especially on Dartmoor when we usually have plenty! Thank you to everyone who is doing their bit to spread the word about low river levels and the high risk of wild fire. It all helps to protect this wonderful place.

Although most of our gardens are struggling, there are a few plants in the garden at Drogo that are loving this heat. One example is *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb'. It's a stunning herbaceous perennial that loves the sun and has a long flowering season. The foliage is light and feathery, so it is an attractive plant even when not in flower, and it prefers full sun and well drained conditions so is thriving at the moment.

For those who are mostly hiding under trees reading books in this heat (or is that just me?), we will be having a pop-up second hand bookshop at Finch Foundry for a month starting from Wednesday 31st August. Please do pop along to have a rummage or drop off any books you would like to donate. The bookshop will be open from 11 until 3 when Finch Foundry is open (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays).

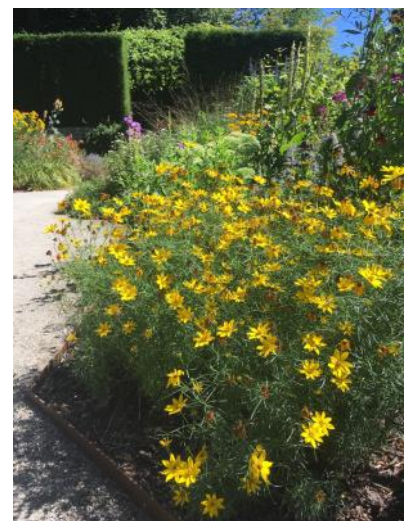
Plans are also underway for Heritage Open Day. This is when we celebrate our wonderful heritage sites and open for free. There are 4 different options for you all. Lydford Gorge is taking part on Saturday 10th September, Finch Foundry on Sunday 11th September (please book via the website), and the hydro turbine house by the river at Drogo will also be open on Sunday 11th September. Castle Drogo itself is taking part on Thursday 15 September.

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that St. Clements Day will once again be celebrated at Finch Foundry on Saturday 19th November, 10am until 4pm. Finch will be ringing with the sound of local blacksmiths marking the day of their patron saint with displays, demonstrations and competitions. Cogs and Wheels Morris will also be performing. Everyone is welcome to join us so please pop it in your diary – it is a wonderful event.

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North Tawton Town Council welcomes Leanne Mathis (Merry go Round), who was co-opted to the Council in August, and we look forward to working with Leanne. The Council is now up to full strength of 12 Councillors.

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On 30th July the public toilets on Market Street were extensively damaged between 4 and 5 p.m., which has resulted in the Council having to close the toilets whilst we seek an insurance claim to repair and reopen. Anyone who can assist with the investigation into this crime, please contact Devon & Cornwall Police by dialling 101 and quoting crime number CR/070378/22.

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During this time of drought, please carefully consider if it is wise and necessary to light a bonfire. North Tawton has several thatched properties and embers/sparks from a neighbour's bonfire can cause a thatch fire. This is a real source of high anxiety and fear for many residents. We are lucky to be in a rural location, but there is an additional risk of a wildfire spreading from very dry fields through embers and sparks. Concerns should be reported to Fire Brigade and via <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3097/Bonfires-and-Smoke-Pollution>

Taw Bridge Foot bridge project by Mrs. Carol Hughes and Mrs. Sue Knott

Taw Bridge is a Grade II listed 15th Century medieval road bridge on the western approach to North Tawton and is the only western route into the town. There are no public footpaths over the bridge, however there is a white painted 'virtual footway' which a representative from DCC Highways has confirmed does not comply with current legislation and therefore has no legal status. Due to the narrow width of the bridge, pedestrians and cyclists are not afforded safe passage when vehicles are crossing the bridge. The concept of a pedestrian footbridge, to be placed adjacent to the road bridge between the Rugby Club grounds and the 'Diana Memorial Garden', has been comprehensively investigated. DCC Highways, WDBC Conservation Officer and the Environment Agency have all been consulted and broadly support the idea. The Trustees of the Rugby Club are broadly supportive of the idea, but despite every effort taken on all available searches, public notices, DCC Highways consultation and legal advice, the ownership of the 'Diana Memorial Garden' has not been resolved. A pre-application submission to WDBC was made in early June by David Grabham, an architect with Dunn Marino Associates. If this proposal reaches approval, a public meeting will be held to ascertain public desire for a bridge and consideration of approved designs. If there is sufficient public support, fund-raising will commence to raise the costs required to build and install the bridge. If applicable at this stage, s106 funding arising from any development of the Old Woollen Mill and any other housing sites in North Tawton will be sought. Once built, a request will be submitted to the Town Council regarding their possible ownership and maintenance of the bridge. The Council have a loan repayment ending in March 2023 of approximately £1500 per year. The request would be that after this period a similar figure would be set aside annually to accrue for maintenance and repairs of the footbridge.

New Street Lights Town Centre

County Cllr. James McInnes will be attending a public forum on Tuesday 6th September commencing 7 p.m. in North Tawton Rugby Club, to explain the decision by Devon County Council to replace the lamp posts and the fitting of white LED lamps which are excessively bright for a rural historic town and causing disturbance to residents at night. Please come along and voice your opinion.

Community Land Trust

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

It's so hot I feel like I'm being slow-cooked! Husband has just said "that's what you do with the tougher cuts of meat" ! Charming. Here is the News.

You already know that I love a second-hand bookshop – but did you know that I really love a proper 'Devony Style' Agricultural Show? It's the same every year. We arrive at the gates, full of expectation. And we leave - full of burgers, flapjack and ice cream. Pockets stuffed with leaflets, free pens and keyrings. And an undeniable feeling that I must have looked at every vintage tractor in the county. Several times. I'm sure the same people take the same vintage tractor to the same agricultural show every year. But husband pours over them as if he's seeing them for the first time. Bless him. He has attempted to explain the differences between this blue one and that blue one and I try very hard to say yes and no in the right places, but in my head I'm wandering through the Flower Tent and the Pygmy Goat Tent swiftly followed by the Food Marquee.

Husband then agrees to accompany me to the Craft Marquee. On entering the tent, he issues the instruction 'no eye contact' as he doesn't want to feel obliged to buy any silver jewellery, wooden bowls or a scented candle – and so we've normally 'done' the Craft Marquee in less than three minutes. And more importantly, his wallet remains untouched.

'Fancy a glass of Pimm's? Oh, go on then – I don't normally drink this early in the day (husband has just coughed) but I'm willing to make an exception for North Tawton W.I.'s Summer Party. Some might say that our members are developing a bit of a fondness for Pimm's. No point in beating around the bush. We are. I like the fruit salad bits that you find floating in your glass. Gives the impression that one glass of Pimm's = one of your 5 a day. Happy with that. But what about the party food? Just one word. Simply fabulous. (that's two words – still suffering from a teeny-weeny overdose of Pimm's) We know how to do a 'bring and share'. Bring it on.

So, what else are we up to? Thank you for asking. We're off to the Panto in January to see Sleeping Beauty – (do you really want me to say 'oh yes we are'?) and it's another opportunity for us to sing raucous songs on a coach. Also, a couple of very lucky members are having a day's 'sculpting experience' at the wonderful BURNSWOOD STUDIOS on the edge of the town – and right on cue, husband has enquired if a 'model' is needed. He's posing right now – in my kitchen – it's the stuff of nightmares. And some of us will be having a go at spinning. Apparently, this does not mean going to a gym, clambering aboard a static cycle and having a total body, low impact, high intensity cardiovascular workout. Because that would be very silly. No, - we will be sitting very sedately behind a spinning wheel and attempting to spin our own yarn. We will be learning about carding, combing, blending boards, click wheels and walking wheels. I have no idea what I've just written.

And finally. Another Agricultural Show is beckoning. I am bracing myself for yet another line of blue (possibly red) tractors. We're off to the Okie Show and once again husband is regretting that he has not entered his own beloved vehicle into the mix. He's looking a little forlorn. I will attempt to impress him with my knowledge of his precious tractor.

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Sue Knott

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The Guides are organising a **Walking Treasure Hunt**

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from 2 p.m. starting at
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Adults £1 and Children 50p
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Prize for winning team.

This will be followed by 'Takeaway Cream Teas'
from 3 p.m. to take home and enjoy later in the day.

Thank You

Maureen Mary Drake

Brian & family wish to thank everyone for the
many cards, letters, & telephone calls of
condolence on the passing of Maureen.

Thanks also to the bell ringers for ringing the
muffled peel & to all of those who attended the
funeral.

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 U.K.
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 U.K..

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
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Join Us and this will then be passed to North Tawton
Rainbows.

Jane Simons

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

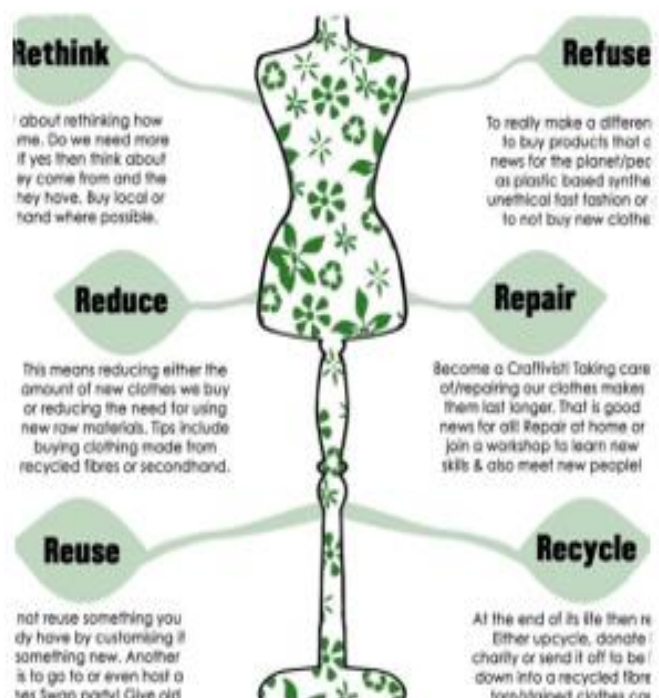
We are asking for donations of good quality
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- Casual Autumn/winter clothes
- Party & Special Occasion

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
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Seasonal Suggestion – September

This Summer's record breaking temperatures and long spells without rain have certainly prompted lots of conversations about climate change and what it might mean for us all. These include plans to increase rainwater storage for garden and other use; how to reduce domestic water use and increasing the thickness of roof insulation - not just to keep heat in during cold weather but to keep houses cooler in these extreme Summer temperatures. Someone was talking about getting thermal curtain linings on single glazed windows for the same reason. It's quite clear that weather patterns have changed and that we all need to do what we can to keep things manageable. What else have you been thinking of doing?

Now is the time of year to think about next year's growing season and the seeds that our gardens have produced that we can save for ourselves or to share with others. If you've got surplus beans (of any sort), sweet pea or lupin seeds, nasturtiums etc., why not dry and save them now and bring them along to one of the SCEnSus events next month to pass on to others? – recycled paper envelopes (clearly labelled and sealed!) are ideal to portion them up for someone else. There's a SCEnSus Open meeting on the 18th October and a Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd October – bring your seeds along to either event to share or swap them with other folks. You can also put them on the SCEnSus Plant Stall in the New Inn car park along with anything else that other people might like – plants, surplus produce or any other 'garden goodies' sold in aid of our Village Green developments.

September is a good time to establish or extend your wildflower strip or meadow. You could make seed bombs and spread seeds randomly for a natural look. Why not make some spare seed bombs and bring them to the SCEnSus events next month?

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North Tawton Repair Café is really pleased to let you know that it is back after a summer break.

We will be back to holding an event on the second Saturday of each month, so please start hunting out your broken items for us to fix!

10th September – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
And 8th October – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

At the Community Centre, Barton Street,
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For more information go to
<https://fb.me/NTRRepairCafe>

A Charity Tea Dance in aid of the North Tawton British Legion is to be held on Sunday 2nd October at the Town Hall from 2 till 5 p.m. with entertainment from the fabulous vintage duo The Hummingbirds, a very popular local group. Also there will be a Lindy Hop class to start off the afternoon with the South West Lindy Hoppers plus a performance from them as well. Tea and cake is included in the price and will be served by the British Legion of North Tawton. Price £8 in advance and can be bought from North Tawton Post Office or direct from us. Email janeswlindyhoppers@yahoo.com for payment details. Always a fun afternoon of dancing and singing and an opportunity to get dressed up in the 1940's and 50's era if you so wish.

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ACE Archaeology Club

I expect that by the time you read this the hot summer will be but a distant memory.

We started our annual dig at Moistown on the 16th of July, the then hottest weekend of the summer. We have calculated that whatever the temperature is in Winkleigh it is at least a degree or three warmer at our site at Moistown. Winkleigh was forecast for over 30 degrees. So, for the first weekend there were few of us and we only worked for half the day. On the Monday, when temperatures were forecast to reach 40, we didn't work at all as we had already reached that on the site on the days before!

Normally we are complaining that rain stops us digging, but not this time.

We had the usual complement of finds from ancient to modern pottery, nails and large items of rust. One interesting find that needed a little research was a large coin or medallion. When cleaned up a little on the reverse showed '40' and the obverse seemed to show a sunburst. We thought at first that it might be a commemorative medallion but research didn't find anything much worth commemorating for the date on the coin of 1857, or of 40 years earlier either. A little more gentle cleaning showed some of the writing and looking at it under artificial light and angling the light so as to show up the relief, we could make out, 'republic' and 'centi'. Back to the internet. Turned out to be a 40 centimos coin from the Republic of Uruguay. How on earth did that find itself in a house in the middle of Devon?? I think we will never know.

A note to anyone thinking of doing any illegal metal detecting on site, don't. It won't be worth your while and the site is monitored.

In addition to the dig, we also have our ACE days out and about. Last Saturday, 6th August, found us exploring the Roman sites around North Tawton and looking at Bronze Age ring barrows in the same area. So good to look at local history.

We have had some new members joining lately but always ready to welcome more.

If interested do get in touch through our website or Facebook page.

Erica Williamson (August 2022)

ACE Archaeology Club

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(North Tawton Council notices - continued from page 9)

New Shelter for Memorial Park

The Council is still seeking designs and quotes for a metal structure and hopes to be able to reach a decision at their meeting in September; planning application has been determined.

Cemetery Extension Land swap proposal

PCL Planning consultants are in the process of gathering the information for a planning application for the proposed cemetery extension land swap. The decision to proceed with any land swap will not be made until such time as the planning application has been determined.

Council meetings

Please come along to our council meetings. If you would like to address the council on any matter, please contact the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting to request a slot in the Public Forum. Otherwise, we have a brief period during each meeting when members of the public can address the Council on matters from the agenda. The Council makes decisions on matters which affect the parish of North Tawton. The best way to be kept informed on what is happening in your town, and to have your say, is to attend our meetings.

Next Meeting at North Tawton Rugby club: Tuesday 6th September 2022, 7 – 7.30 p.m. Public Forum followed by Council meeting at 7.30 p.m..

Ian runs again!

Local runner, Ian Webber (husband of Jayne at NT Post Office) is due to run his 21st consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of Hospice UK. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice care and support many of our local hospices. Charities have struggled during the pandemic and sadly, more and more people's lives have been touched with cancer, so their fundraising is even more important.

Ian and Jayne are unable to hold their memorable Coffee Morning this year, but will be holding a Virtual Silent Auction in early September, mainly by email and Facebook. They would appreciate donations of items, vouchers, tickets, service promises - which can be dropped in to Jayne at the Post Office. Ian and Jayne can be contacted via jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01837 82540.

They would really appreciate our community's support, via donations and Silent Auction bids.


You can donate via the Justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/ianwebberlm2022 or, alternatively, drop in a donation to Jayne at the Post Office. (Please complete a slip in the PO if you are eligible for Gift Aid).

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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 7th Aug held their normal monthly meeting with 7 councillors, & 1 member of the public.

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) **Future Meetings** – to facilitate Village Hall booking for Yoga on Tuesday evenings it was agreed that Parish Council meetings should move to the first Wednesday of the month, starting with the October meeting.

4) **SCPC** are aware and concerned about the financial difficulties parishioners are currently facing and are publishing on the Website, Face Book, Roundabout and through the minutes funding streams that may help. Any parishioner with specific financial or other needs please contact the Clerk in confidence, for any advice or help they can provide.

5) **Broadband/Mobile**– Cllr. M Morrissey – Update

- a) Survey work by Airband continues in the village
- b) Sampford Chapple and The Beeches and surrounding area have been successfully surveyed and submitted for fibre installation to Airband.
- c) The timescale for installation is not confirmed but should be this year. In 2021 Airband said installation in the village would be July to September so they may be roughly on track
- d) The Parish Council will continue to push through WDBC for "missing" areas of the Parish to be addressed. We do know that there is a vacancy for Airband liaison person on the project which may not be helpful
- e) If any parishioner receives further information, it will be gratefully received.

6) **Possible use of Village Hall Broadband** – Cllr. Morrissey is concerned that in the current economic climate some parishioners may be forced to give up their own Broadband/Mobile contracts, and he would like to liaise with the Village Hall Trustees to see if a Community scheme could be set up to allow such parishioners to use the Free Broadband at the Village Hall. If any parishioners feel they would make use of such a facility, please contact the Clerk, so that we can gauge the viability of such a scheme. A full costs proposal is to be prepared to discuss with the Trustees of the Village Hall.

7) **Harvest Workers Co-op Mobile Van** – now calls in the square with fresh vegetables etc. on Tuesdays between 1.15 p.m. – 2 p.m.. The Clerk has asked them if they would consider also calling at The Beeches. They have called there for 2 weeks now, and will continue the trial for a month.

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

- a) Oct 1st – Oktoberfest Event – Fund Raising for future projects to improve the Village Green.
- b) Oct 21st – Recycle Fashion Show – SCEnSus event to promote recycling and fund raise for future projects on village green
- c) 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.

9) **Autumn Open Meeting – Tues 18th October** – will be on a RE-CYCLING THEME

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Next meeting: Tues 6th Sept 7.30 pm

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Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

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

The website is managed by **Julie Carpenter** who
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SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:-

YOGA CLASSES	Wednesday 6 -7.30 p.m.
TAP DANCING	Thursday 11 a.m. - 12 noon
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:-

Barn Dance	Saturday 3 rd September 7 p.m.
Come and Chat	Saturday 17 th September 10.30a.m. -11.30a.m.
Curry Night	Saturday 15 th October 7p.m.

Please see separate adverts or visit the parish website/
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www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk



Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

12th September 2022 2.30 p.m.

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Originally almost all the dancers lived in or near Winkleigh, but now our dancers are drawn from a much wider area – as far as Lustleigh to the South, Torrington to the West, Chittlehampton to the North and Morchard Bishop to the East. We even have one original member who still travels regularly from her home near Wells, in Somerset!

We are a very friendly and sociable group. We meet from October to April on Tuesday evenings at Winkleigh Community Centre from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.. All are welcome – no previous experience is necessary. We are also willing to run workshops for schools, youth groups, W.I. s, U3A, etc..

For more information contact me at bonnygreencolin@gmail.com or ring 01363 877216 or see our website www.winkleighmorris.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Colin Andrews
Foreman, Winkleigh Morris

Bondleigh Rainfall

July was certainly dry, but no records were broken in Bondleigh.

Rainfall amounted to 15.4 mm. of which 9.2 mm. fell in the first two days of the month. That compared to 119.7 mm. last year, but in 2016 it was only 14.4 mm.. That was the lowest that I have recorded for July since 1997.

The promised 'heat wave' did arrive but only for a couple of days. Those of us who remember 1976, recall it was dry from May to September and we had 18 consecutive days with temperatures over 30C. Now that's what I call a heat wave and we hadn't even heard of Global Warming.

Danny Semorad



News From North Tawton Community Primary School

What happens at school during the summer holidays?

Certainly one of the perks of working in a school is that we have regular holidays. The summer holiday in particular is always a welcomed break from the hectic term time work pattern and a fabulous opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends, and enjoy the sunny season. People in other industries will often comment on how lucky we are, which of course we are, however I do remind them that our holidays are dictated and are at the busiest and most expensive times to get away! Unlike some journalists would like you to believe, the staff are not all sitting on empty beaches in the Seychelles for six weeks! In fact, a lot happens behind the scenes during the holiday periods.

This summer at North Tawton a group of our staff attended two days of training to qualify as paediatric first aiders. The course covered many aspects of first aid including management of bites and stings and how to respond to emergencies including seizures, choking and external bleeding. The staff practiced delivery of CPR and their bandaging techniques - see the photographic evidence! They all passed with flying colours which means we continue to have more than the required amount of people trained to ensure pupil and staff safety at school.

Our cleaning staff uses the holiday periods to undertake a deep clean of the buildings, and our maintenance staff complete safety checks such as checking all the fire extinguishers and servicing our boilers. This summer we have had new receptors installed so we have stronger WiFi across the school and we have some new kitchen equipment delivered.

Early in August, we hosted a four day HAF programme for children across the Trust to attend. This is a government funded holiday activity and food provision for children who have free school meals in term time or have additional needs. We were inundated with applications so expanded our 30 places to 60!

School staff accompanied children travelling in by bus from local schools, and worked with Okehampton Community and Recreation Association (OCRA) staff who led activities including football, dance, cricket, athletics, curling, tag rugby, arts and crafts. Our kitchen staff cooked healthy and nutritious meals and we encouraged children to enjoy a wide variety of fruit for snacks including melon, strawberries, frozen oranges and red, orange and yellow pepper strips with dips.

Teachers have been in to school throughout the holiday setting up their classrooms, planning with job shares, and preparing for the new school year.

I have had meetings throughout the holiday with family support workers and social services to make sure children and families are supported throughout the summer, attended leadership training with fellow Trust leaders and popped in to school regularly to water the plants!

At the beginning of September, after spending quality time with family, friends and hopefully some rest, recuperation and self care, the school staff has two days of in service training (INSET.) During these INSET days, staff will complete annual safeguarding training, refreshing our knowledge of this vital part of our job. We are all responsible for ensuring our children are safe so we all need to have regular training and always be up to date with the latest advice and legislation. This year we are also focusing INSET time on working with our Three Hares partner schools looking at how we can even better meet the needs of our children with additional needs. We are also using time to work together further developing science progression across all of our Trust schools. We also have valuable time together as a school team to look at our own priorities and to plan for the year ahead.

By Wednesday 8th September, we will be ready to welcome back our children and their families to start our exciting new school year.

Please look at our school website to see our latest news and follow our class blogs to see what our children are learning each week

Tara Penny (Principal)
North Tawton Primary School



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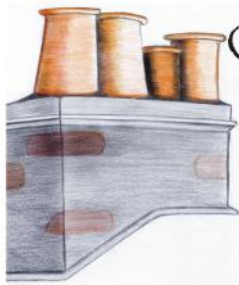
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Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge 2022 – closing date Saturday 10th September

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Okehampton Library Fun Palace – Saturday 1st October 09:30-12:30

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

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Baby Weighing – Tuesdays 09:30-11:30

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

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Lego Builders - Saturdays 10:30–11:30

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Sampford Courtenay

4th September 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship
 11th September 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
 19th September 6.00 p.m. Evensong
 23rd September 6.30 p.m. Harvest Service and buffet supper
 25th September 9.30 a.m. Communion

SEPTEMBER SERVICES at St. Peter's Church

North Tawton

4th September 11 a.m. Morning Worship
 11th September 11 a.m. Informal Communion
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 25th September 11 a.m. Traditional Communion

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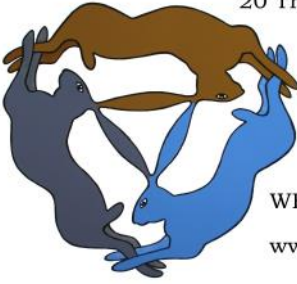
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