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Where did the year go? It is already December and Christmas is just around the corner. For many of us it is a busy time – presents to buy, rooms to decorate, meals to prepare, family to visit, guests to welcome and parties to go to. One of the most stressful things I find is buying presents, getting just the right present for each person. Fortunately for me, in recent years my wife has decided to buy her own presents and leave them in little heaps around my office. I wonder where you are with your preparations for the festive season?

It can seem like we need to prepare so much so that we can have that perfect Christmas. It was like that too for God on that very first Christmas. He had to send angels to Mary, to the shepherds in the fields and to John the Baptist's father to invite them to take their part. A census needed to be organised so that Mary and Joseph were in the right place. He had two miraculous births to organise, Jesus' own and his cousin too. Wise men needed prepping and a special star needed to be there newly shining brightly just at the right time.

Some get frustrated when we see the shops already filling their shelves and displays with Christmas things in October. Thinking that Christmas should remain special and not last half the year. However, God's preparations for that first Christmas started thousands of years previously. The first promise given by God which pointed to the baby Jesus was in the creation story at the very start of the Bible. Then through the intervening centuries God slowly removed little bits of the wrapping, revealing a little bit more about this promised gift.

A gift promised for millennia, a birth stage managed with the full resources of heaven and at the centre of it a newly born baby in a manger. What was so special about this baby that God prepared so spectacularly? God wasn't announcing the birth of any new baby but of his own Son, the one who was God come in human form. One who by his words and actions revealed who God was and what he was like. But even at this stage, when Jesus was still a helpless baby, depending on Mary for everything, we discover an amazing and fundamental thing about God. That God is not far off, keeping his hands clean in heaven, but loves us and this world so much that he would give up the glory of heaven to come and live with us, eat with us, laugh with us, cry with us, even die with us.

God came to earth as the baby Jesus to start a new chapter in his relationships with humans. One of the names given to Jesus was 'Immanuel' or 'God is with us'. God still holds out that gift of his loving presence with us. All we need to do is to receive that gift from God.

Happy Christmas!

David Spence

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THURSDAY *monthly*

BOW Village Hall
December 8th 14:10 to 14:30
January 19th 13:30 to 13:50

THURSDAY *monthly*

SPREYTON Village Shop
December 8th 14:50:15:30
January 19th 14:00 to 14:30

FRIDAY *monthly*

NORTH TAWTON The Square
No December service
January 6th 09:45 to 10.45
BONDLEIGH Old School
No December service
January 6th 13:30 to 14:15

SATURDAY *monthly*

NORTH TAWTON The Square
December 10th 10:00 to 12:00
January 21st 10:00 to 12:00

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Sunday 11th December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6:30pm

*18th December Christingle Service 11am

*Christmas Eve Nativity Service 4pm

Christmas Eve Late Night Communion 11:30pm

*Christmas Day Family Service with Communion 11am

*Do not fear.
I bring
GOOD NEWS
of GREAT JOY
for all people.*

Luke 2:10



St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay

*4th December Christingle Service 9:30am

18th December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 6:30pm

Christmas Day Communion 9:30am

St James' Bondleigh

18th December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Late Night Communion 10pm

St Mary's Honeychurch

18th December CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE 3:00pm

*all age service

North Street Chapel

Please join us for our Christmas Carol Service on 18th December at 3p.m.
Refreshments to follow.

North Street Chapel

Tea & Praise

Please join us for our Tea and Praise service on Sunday 15th January at 3p.m. with the Iddesleigh Singers

Christmas Coffee Morning

at St. James' Church - Bondleigh
Saturday, 17th December at 10.30a.m.

Come along to our beautifully decorated Church and catch up with friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a coffee and mince pie.

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There will also be a cake stall and the Church Wardens' bric-a-brac stall offering a variety of delightful goodies to tempt you.

Lin will be running her Christmas draw, with lots of prizes to be won!!

We look forward to seeing you all.

St. James' PCC

December Services & events at Sampford Courtenay

4th December 9.30a.m. Morning Worship Christingle Service

11th December 9.30a.m. Parish Communion

Wed. 14th December 10 - 11.30a.m. Wrinkly Ringers Bell Ringing

18th December 6.30p.m. Candlelit Carol Service

Wed. 21st December 7p.m. Carol singing in the Square and lighting the Christmas tree

25th December 9.30a.m. Christmas Day Communion

Sat. 31st December 11.45p.m. Village Square Ringing out the Old year and in the New.

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Clock Tower Roof Collapse

The Council has approved a contractor to dismantle the roof and place all materials in safe storage, in accordance with the Conservation Officers instructions. This should take place imminently. Quotes are being obtained to rebuild the roof in accordance with the building survey and conservation officer instructions.

Warm Space and Community Fridge/Larder

Wearable blankets and hot water bottles are free to North Tawton residents who are struggling to keep warm and can be collected from the Pharmacy in North Tawton.

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Memorial Park Shelter

Following installation of the concrete base, the new shelter will be installed beginning of December.

Electric Vehicle Charging North Tawton

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Dog Mess

There have been recent incidents of persons allowing their dogs to foul in the Memorial Park and within the Children's play area. This is a significant health hazard. Please clean up after your pet. The area is being monitored and any persons failing to clear up after their pet anywhere in the parish, or entering areas where dogs are not permitted will be reported to the Dog Warden for further action to be taken which could be a financial fixed penalty.

Council meetings

Please come along to our council meetings. If you would like to address the council on a 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 that affect the parish of North Tawton. The best way to be kept informed on what is happening in your town, and have a say, is to attend our meetings.

Next Meeting Tuesday 6th December 2022, 7.30 p.m. at North Tawton Community Centre.



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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Definition of 'to glance'? 'To take a brief or hurried look'. It could also mean 'to hit something at an angle and bounce off obliquely'. (I'm sure he didn't mean that did he?) Flicking through the November edition of Roundabout I was dismayed to read that Danny Semorad had 'glanced' at the W.I. Ramblings. Did he pour over every word? Did he read each paragraph at a leisurely pace not wanting to miss a single syllable? No. He 'glanced' at it. Definition of 'disconsolate'? To be very unhappy and unable to be comforted. That's me.

Jenny Reynolds was here to tell us about Ripple Effect – and the first thing to be aware of was the charity's change of name. It had previously been called 'Send a Cow' but this was causing increasing confusion, as they were continually having to explain that they didn't actually send cows, but instead aimed to provide a range of sustainable anti-poverty solutions, that could eventually transform the lives of the farming families that they worked alongside. Ripple Effect currently has programmes in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Zambia – parts of rural Africa where there is extreme poverty. Their work involves bringing farmers together with community trainers and experienced peer farmers to share ideas and to learn new skills. The focus is on practical approaches that will help them to learn more, grow more and then sell more, helping them to invest in their farms and their families' futures. Every farmer they work with will directly benefit three more – hence the Ripple Effect. Jenny went on to explain that the majority of people they work with are women and girls as they carry most of the responsibility for domestic tasks – 65 per cent of the people they work with are women, and 50 per cent of these are widows. To date, they have reached 2.5 million people and their aim is to reach 5 million by 2030. Examples of skills to be learnt include how to compost, how to build a small but productive garden, how to make a hygienic drying rack and a fuel saving stove, and how to make a 'tip tap' – a water tap that pours out just enough water to wash your hands. They can also learn money management, saving and credit skills, business skills and how to form small co-operatives. Jenny had some examples of farmers the programme has helped, including Aderi – who now grows much bigger and better bananas, and Caroline – whose field of nutritious cassava crops has replaced what were once unproductive shrubs. Real examples of how this charity has helped transform difficult lives into productive and fulfilling ones.

It's time. The anticipation is palpable. Husband is almost giddy with excitement. The thought of Christmas shopping is beyond thrilling and he is desperate to tramp the streets looking for the perfect present(s). Good job I've saved him a seat on our W.I. coach trip to Clarks Village, in Street, that has 'Over 90 Designer and High Street Brands'. I've just told him that he's coming with us. His face has taken on this slightly pale/mottled/terrified appearance. I think he's looking forward to it. It will give him a break from obsessing over the weather station. If there are any other 'husbands' out there who are desperate to share in his giddy excitement, please let me know. I can reserve a seat just for you.

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Sampford Courtenay Environment and Sustainability (SCEnSus)



December and January Seasonal Challenge

As I write this the COP27 Global Climate Change Conference is happening ... and we should all be asking 'What difference will it make?'. One thing is for sure – any real differences will only be made as a result of every individual doing what is best for the environment.

As we get closer to the end of 2022 and think about starting 2023 we can reflect on our lifestyles and the decisions we make that affect the environment. Christmas is an ideal time to show how sustainable, natural materials can be used to decorate our homes rather than buying and using bright and shiny creations that have travelled halfway around the world not to mention using precious resources to create them. Home-made or home-grown produce in 'goody bags' are likely to be more welcome presents for many relatives and friends than many less sustainable and 'high-cost' alternatives (particularly if they contain plastic) and could well lead to some lively discussions about climate issues! After Christmas, we can compost any organic materials that we've used – even the wrapping paper if we've chosen wisely in the first place. Christmas trees can be 'recycled' as goat-fodder... look out for the information about Sampford Courtenay collection arrangements in the New Year.

Talking of the 2023, let's think about what we can do to help the environmental situation as we set our own New Year's resolutions.

We wish you all an 'eco-Christmas' and a sustainable New Year!

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Come and meet the authors. We specialise in helping new writers to get started.

Do you have a novel waiting to be written? Not sure how to proceed?

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Our group welcomes new members, and it's all free.

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The Guides have their
Christmas Coffee Morning
on 3rd December in the Town Hall
from 10 a.m.

All the usual stalls - homemade cakes, hampers, draw, Christmas stall, tombola, toy draw, marmalade. There are a few table tops available at £5 but no food stalls, please contact Jane on 89160 to book. Proceeds for Guide funds.

'Illuminate'

a play to be performed at Crediton Arts Centre
on 9th December at 7.30 p.m.
and 10th December at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

" 'Illuminate' is a contemporary play based in Mid Devon where the moon, music and poetry illuminate the landscape that you thought you walked alone in. There is reference to Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath of Court Green, North Tawton, whose poetry was inspired and stimulated by their environment.

The lives of Chloe, Dan and Mark are brought together delicately and unexpectedly in an intriguing story full of surprises and echoes from the past."

The Guides are having their annual pre-Christmas
Body Shop Party
on Wednesday 23rd November from 7 p.m. in the Mortimer Room, St. Peter's Church.

Lots of Christmas offers.
Please come along and have a browse and a cup of tea !!

The Football Club
is having a **general knowledge quiz**
in the Town Hall on Saturday 28th January 2023,
starting at 7.30 p.m.

Maximum of 6 per team, cost £2 per person.
Refreshments, draw and licensed bar.
Proceeds for Football Club funds.



A space to meet people, have a coffee (or tea!) and get broken things mended

North Tawton Repair Café is really pleased to let you know that we are still holding our monthly event so please start hunting out your broken items for us to fix! Did you know that you don't have to have anything to fix in order to come along? We will be open on the dates below, and always have hot drinks available, so please just pop along for a cuppa and a chat – we love meeting new people!

3rd December – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

At the Community Centre, Barton Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HN.

For more information go to
<https://fb.me/NTRRepairCafe>

There will be no repair café in January, but we will be back in February as normal.

Saturday 17th December
from 10am
in the Town Hall
the Football Club
have their **Christmas Coffee morning** with a visit from Father Christmas from 10.30 a.m.
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**Wishing Everyone a very Merry Christmas
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A big Thank you to everyone who has supported the Parish Council events throughout the year, in front and behind the scenes, tidying the footpaths, roads and streams, spreading community spirit by supporting parishioners and neighbours, and helping raise funds towards future projects to enhance this lovely village we all live in.

Merry Christmas One and All.



**Sampford Courtenay Advent Window
Trail is back for 2022**

You can download a map from our Website
and see if you can spot a new window/garden

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

A well attended meeting was held on Tuesday November 8th in Exbourne Village Hall. The President welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was Sue Leech, who held a workshop for members to make Christmas Decorations. Some fabulous decorations were made and she was thanked by Gwyneth Leonard.

After refreshments the business was attended to. Dates were given about Beauty and Pampering Days, NFWI Annual meeting and the County Quiz.

A shrub which was planted outside the village hall for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee had died and after talks with the village hall committee, a new one will be planted to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles.

The next Walk is on the Granite Way, walking to Lydford and back from Bridestowe Station, on Friday November 25th The final arrangements were made for the Christmas Party on December 13th, which will begin at 12 noon with a Bring and Share Lunch.

The winner of FOM was Margaret Hawkins and Shirley Reddaway won first prize for her hand made Christmas Decoration.

Margaret



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West Devon Borough Council – www.westdoven.gov.uk/support-directory - Income Support, Energy bills, household costs, transport costs, council tax.

Fuel, Energy & Bills - If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off.

Energy pre-payment meters - Citizens Advice Devon – is managing an Energy Relief scheme for those using pre-payment meters and who are struggling to meet their energy needs.

British Gas Energy Trust – offers grants and schemes that are open to anyone – you don't have to be a customer.

Scottish Power Hardship Fund – offers grants for customers.

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EDF Energy Customer Support Fund – offers grants for customers.

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WaterSure – scheme which helps some people with their water bills – to apply you must be receiving benefits and need to use a lot of water for either medical reasons or because your household has a number of school-age children.

Social Broadband and Phone Tariffs – can provide a safety net for customers who might be struggling to afford their broadband or phone services – Ofcom have produced a list of broadband and mobile services for which you may be eligible.

Western Power Priority Services Register – Vulnerable residents can join to get extra support. This is a service for anyone who is pensionable age, disabled, has children under 5 years old or relies on medical equipment.

Warm House Discount Scheme – Government scheme that obligates the largest energy suppliers to credit £140 discount onto the electricity bills of certain low income households.

The cold weather payment – is intended to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold. You'll get a payment each time the temperature drops below a specific temperature for a set period.

Winter Fuel payment – If you were born before 26 September 1955, you could get between £100 and £300 to help you pay your heating bills. You will get this winter fuel payment automatically if you are eligible.

AgeUK – can provide advice for older people on preparing for Winter.

Turn2us – National Charity providing practical support to people struggling financially

THE ART BOX – January 2023

In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute, contact Ruth on 07810590954 or at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk

WHY DO WE NEED CONTEMPORARY ART?

It's easy to think that art is periphery, an unnecessary luxury, that it is unhelpful, it doesn't do anything, and that it's a downright waste of money. Consciously or subconsciously this seemingly logical conclusion is reached by many, but here's what they miss:

Art is 'useful' on many levels. It unites, it mobilises, it inspires, it documents, it questions, it critiques. However, I would go further to say that art is necessary, and it is necessary precisely because it is unnecessary. Call me a dreamer, but is there not more to life than keeping warm, dry and fed? If that makes you suspicious of me sounding like an overly comfortable slug, unsympathetic to those who are only just holding on, then consider how the greatest art movements have been born out of the deepest struggles. Maybe this shows how much more important art is in times of dire need, and less meaningful to those who have it all. Art plugs us into what it is to be human and creates a space in which to share the full breadth of this experience. The gallery Aleph Contemporary's homage to the writer, bell hooks, at London Art Fair this year pondered how the subjective realm of feeling is a universal language shared by all. Being human is so much more than survival and the accumulation of possessions. It is about experiences of joy, connection, love, sorrow, peace, fear, anger and compassion.

Contemporary Art is an expression of this human experience in relation to the here and now. It breaks through utilitarian biases and connects us in an open and free-thinking way to the present, involving us in a dialogue in which we can partake. This makes it empowering and therefore dangerous to power structures. It is no wonder that authoritarian regimes have historically clamped down on 'degenerate' art. Art is a protest against this and proclaims freedom.

Contemporary Art is relevant, current, exciting, important and engages us in what it is to be human now. We make history, which is why we must participate in the present.

- Ruth Helen Smith, June 2022.

An article written originally by Ruth for Aleph Contemporary in the summer.





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

SCPC – on Tues 2nd Nov held their normal monthly meeting with 6 councillors, & 1 member of the public.

Open Meeting – 18th October was very informative. For those unable to attend you can view the annotated slide presentation on our Website - <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes-agendas>

Future Communication with Parishioners – periodically through the year SCPC issue newsletters, there is a financial cost of printing 300 copies each time, plus postage to the outlying properties. Plus, the environmental cost of printing copies that are not required. SCPC currently have 500 + followers on Face Book and 175 signed up to receive the regular Website emails.

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It was agreed at the meeting that parishioners who would still like to receive printed copies of SCPC Newsletters register with the Clerk to prevent further financial and environmental waste.

SCEnSus -

Oct 21st – Recycle Fashion Show – Very well received and supported with almost £500 raised from the 2 events. Thank you to all who helped and supported.

Oct 22nd – SCEnSus Coffee Morning – as above – SCPC received a letter of appreciation from MP Mel Stride. SCEnSus will hope to repeat this event next year.

Devon Wildlife Trust – offer of Landmark Tree for the parish. + possible free trees for parishioners at an event at Nature Reserve in Meeth on 26th November. More details can be found here <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/events/2022-11-26-saving-devons-treescapes-open-day>

PUDSEY RAMBLE - Countryfile Children in Need Ramble – £100 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you to all who supported this event and hope you all glimpsed the brief photo of our ramblers on Countryfile on Sunday 6th November.

Operation Snap - Operation Snap is a secure online facility which allows submissions of video and photographic evidence relating to driving incidents that members of the public have witnessed. Produced with the support of the Department for Transport. More details can be found here <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/operation-snap-dashcam-footage/> Headcam footage from pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists are also permissible.

Communications issued via Web email list and Facebook It was agreed unanimously that if any group or business had information relevant, and of benefit to Sampford Courtenay parishioners, they are invited to send a copy to the Clerk or Website Administrator for publication via Facebook and the Web email list.

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>

GET SCPC & PARISH NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX - the best way to keep up to date is to sign up for emails via Julie and the Website.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 7th December 7.30 p.m..

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Sampford Courtenay Tree Lighting
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Wednesday 21st December 7pm
Please come and join us!

Bondleigh Rainfall

October started quite dry and warm, gradually getting wetter as the month progressed. Although it stayed warm throughout. From mid month it rained on most days, albeit small amounts in most cases.
The total rainfall was 95.8mm compared to 144.6mm in October 2021

Danny Semorad



Little Seedlings Playgroup

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Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

12th December 2022

"Amongst Ourselves"
Christmas Workshop

9th January 2023

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Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

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News From North Tawton Community Primary School



Christmas Is Coming!

Let's face it, here in the UK 'tis the season of dark, cold and wet, but for me the twinkle of tinsel and the smell of a mince pie negates all of that! I love this time of year!

One of the (many!) joys of working in a primary school, is experiencing the build up to Christmas though the eyes of our children. Children's excitement is infectious! And preparations for Christmas start early in primary schools. From early November I get to enjoy the sound of children learning Christmas carols, and working with staff to plan our Christmas lunch, performances, and treats.

However, for me, the ultimate joy is the excitement we share as we learn about the Christmas story. It's a classic tale of adventure, awe and wonder. You don't have to be a Christian to get caught up in the magic of the story! Good versus evil, light defeating dark, hope over despair, what's not to enjoy? The birth of Jesus is a story for the ordinary and the royal, for old and young, for now and 2000 years ago. To tell the Christmas story each year, brings me joy and strengthens my own faith.

During the month of December, the children at North Tawton Primary will be making decorations, taking part in a Christingle service, performing the Nativity, and singing Christmas carols. We will have a delicious lunch cooked by our fabulous chefs and we may even have a visitor from the North Pole, but only if we are very, very good!

Please do see our school website to follow our blogs where you will see photos of our children having a magical time! Our Friends of North Tawton School (FONTS) are busy organising our Christmas Fair for Friday 2nd December and we invite you all to come along and support our school.

On behalf of the staff and children at our school, I wish everyone in our community, and friends and families near and far, a very merry Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.

Tara Penny
Principal



THE ART BOX – December 2022

In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute, contact Ruth on 07810590954 or at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk

WALKING BETWEEN THE LINES

Olga Brereton at Ruth Smith Gallery, 15 November - 4 December

Mondays and Fridays 10.30-4, and by appointment via Ruth on 07810590954

Olga Brereton infuses her work with light and air. You can almost walk between the layers of brushstrokes in the landscapes and wriggle your hands through the stems of her botanical drawings, with their sinuous yet hesitant and careful winding lines. Despite their meandering quality it is clear that their drawer knows about plants and their individual structures. The 'structure within anarchy' as she described, and the free handling of ink and paint coming together to create a cohesive whole is testament.

Olga as a child would play with her grandfather's gold chain, lowering it onto the tabletop to create infinite configurations. It seems that there her fascination with line began. The ability of line to mean something has fascinated us for millennia, and its potential to create an idea of space on a flat surface has been central to art since it began. Olga's paintings and drawings are an equal marriage between the flat abstract quality of the marks, and the sense of space and subject that they depict. One can flit freely between enjoying the formal design of the work to the flowers and landscapes they describe.

Olga's work goes further still. Not only can one enjoy the slippage between abstract and figurative, but it also feels as though one can slip between the marks themselves. Olga makes use of the white ground, be it paper or canvas, to shine through thin layers of paint and line drawings to create a light airiness to her work. It is possible to imagine the marks sliding off their support, like the gold chain off the table, and to be able to walk between the lines.

- Ruth Smith, November 2022.

Jargon decoder:

Abstract- not obviously depicting anything. Tends to embrace its flatness.

Figurative- looks like the thing it is depicting. Tends to give a sense of space.

Ground or Support- the thing on which the picture is painted/drawn.

Formal- the arrangement of shapes and colours.



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9 p.m. on alternate Wednesday evenings from January 18th
through to May 3rd next year (2023).

The course costs £100, payable in advance at the initial
session on January 18th. Payment can be by card, cheque
or cash.

Alternatively to pay on-line, see website

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Monthly delivery of the British Beekeepers' magazine,
BBKA News

Please note; Course applicants who have already paid their
membership, only need to pay a fee of £61.

The course will follow the syllabus required for the BBKA
Basic Assessment. Course students are encouraged to take
the Basic Assessment once they have completed the course
and have kept bees for their first year (but this is of course
optional). Membership of Okehampton Beekeepers entitles
course students to reimbursement of the Basic Assessment
Exam fee (£25) on successfully passing the exam..

Course session dates are fortnightly, on alternate
Wednesdays, as follows: January 18, February 1, February
15, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 19 and May 3. A
number of informal follow-up practical sessions in May
and June will give the opportunity to handle and inspect
colonies of bees, putting into practice knowledge learnt
during the course. To book a place on the course or for
further information please contact Liz Ledsham by phone
on 01363 881486 or by E-mail at

lizdevon2007@gmail.com .

South West Lindy Hoppers would like to put out a BIG thank
you to all who came to our Charity Tea Dance in the Town
Hall on the 2nd October with The Hummingbirds . The British
Legion members also provided some cakes and made and
served tea for all who attended which was much appreciated.
Thank to those attending, buying raffle tickets, and those who
provided raffle prizes the list is as follows:

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Torquay Museum
Castle Drogo
Taw Valley Creamery N T
Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum
Frocks in Swing Time Exeter
RHS Rosemoor - Torrington
South West Lindy Hoppers
Barzotelli Gelato
British Legion North Tawton Branch
Jens Cafe
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The Little Gift Company Okehampton
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We raised £380 and will be passing over the cheque to the
British Legion members including Monica Simons on
Remembrance Sunday 13th November. . Also in memory of
my late father Alf Bolt.

Jane Narramore

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY IS A LIFELINE THIS WINTER

Okehampton Library will be offering so much more than books this winter. It's a warm, welcoming space with free WiFi and computer access, people to chat to, groups and activities. Enjoy a natter with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton.

We know it's going to be a tough winter with the cost-of-living crisis and heating bills rising. So, libraries are launching a 'Libraries for Life' campaign to remind everyone that we're not just about books!

As well as being great warm spaces to sit and read, there are groups ranging from Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers to Cuppa & A Chat every Tuesday for adults to enjoy a natter.

Our Reading Well titles are a range of books covering physical and mental health, and include titles aimed at children and teens. And don't forget if you're housebound or struggling to get to the library, our Home Library Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too!

Keep an eye out for more events and activities at Okehampton Library throughout the winter.

Visit our Website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/okehamptonlibrary

Follow us on Facebook.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Chortle Trail – 1st – 23rd December

Find the Christmas jokes hidden around the library and match them up with the correct punch line whilst having a giggle! For all ages. Small chocolate treat for those that match all of them correctly.

Festive Hamper Raffle - Tickets £1 each

Purchase a draw ticket, for the chance to win the contents of the Friends of Okehampton Library festive hamper! Winner to be drawn Saturday 17th December.

Christmas Quiz Sheet - £1 each

Pick up a copy of our quiz to test your festive knowledge. Fun for all the family!

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Under 5's Stay and Play session – Monday 5th December 10:00-10:45

For under 5's and their parents/carers, no booking necessary. Free session, donations welcome.

Music Night at the Ockment Centre – Friday 9th December 19:00

The Friends of Okehampton Library music night returns to the Ockment Centre with The Electroleles, Me And 'Er, One Point Five and Uke'N Play. Bring your own refreshments and there will be a raffle on the night too. Tickets available in advance £5 each (cash only) from Okehampton Library.

Community Christmas Coffee Morning – Saturday 10th December 10:00-12:00

Have a chat with staff and Friends of Okehampton Library whilst you enjoy free mince pies and hot drinks in the warm, welcoming space of the library. Free, donations welcome.

Snow Globe craft activity – Tuesday 20th December 14:00-15:00

Create a winter snow globe to take home. Suitable for ages 7+, £1 per child. Booking essential at the library.

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Church Flowers & Brass

Sampford Courtenay

December	Advent	No Flowers
January	Shirley Reddaway	
February	Lynne Robinson	

Honeychurch

December	Mary Pyle
January	Sue Svedang
February	Vera Collins

Bondleigh

December	Advent Brass only
Dec 4th / 11th	Nicola Raffan
Dec 18th / 25th	Christmas Trees
Jan 1st / 8th	Carol Jones
Jan 15th / 22nd	Julie Wilson
Jan 29th / Feb 5th	Trish Peters

North Tawton

Flowers

Dec 4th	Lorna Dawe
Dec 11th / 18th / 25th	Christmas Flowers
Jan 1st	Christmas Flowers
Jan 8th / 15th	Sandra Delve
Jan 22nd / 29th	Cathy Drake

Brass

Dec 2022	Amanda Salter
Jan 2023	Sandra Delve

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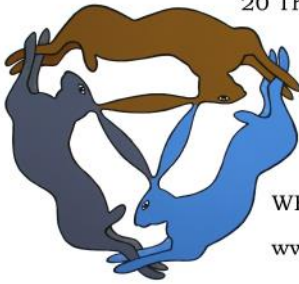
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