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From The Rectory

Welcome to February! I have to say I am always glad when February arrives. January is often wet, windy and cold – and as I write the weather for the next week of January includes snow, sleet and hail! The Christmas decorations are down and the celebrations have finished and we all return to normal life wrapped up warmly on dark mornings. January, we are told, includes the most depressing day of the year, and this year we face it amid a cost of living crisis.

But with February comes hope – there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Spring is on its way, the bulbs are poking their heads through the soil. Leaves on the ground are replaced by buds on the trees. The evenings grow slowly lighter. The summer is on its way, even if it is still far off on the horizon.

Ice-cream on the beach anyone?

We are blessed to have seasons in our part of the globe. They remind us that our lives also have seasons to them. We have summer seasons in our lives. Times when we feel joy and excitement. Times when things are going well. We have autumn seasons when troubles are gathering but there is still beauty and delight. And we all live through those winter times when all is bleak and we feel helpless. But there are also seasons of life which feel like spring when slowly the clouds roll back and we experience hope once again and the stirrings of happiness.

The Psalms, the songbook of the Bible, expresses the fullness of our emotions in each of these seasons of life – from the deepest pit to the greatest joy.

They can help us to articulate the emotions we feel in each season and enable us to bring them to God as a prayer. That is why they have been such a help for so many down the centuries. But there is one theme that is particularly common and that is the spring-like experience. Finding the hope and rescue of God amid sadness and pain.

For me February reminds me of this spring-like hope. Still in the trouble and pain, but now with something to look forward to. In fact, this is the shape of the whole Christian life – we live in a world which often throws at us pain and sorrow and evil. But there is a hope of a better, summer world. A life after death world. And this is because at the centre of the faith is Jesus who has gone through the winter of death (torture and execution, no less) and was raised to the summer of life once again. But not only that, he promises the same to his followers. His promise is that there is always better to come – for he promises hope for life after death. As we navigate this world as a community – we will each be experiencing different seasons. And since arriving here, it has been wonderful to see how our communities are supporting each other. Bringing a bit of summer light into the lives of those who are in the depths of a winter season. Not least, the many generous responses across our community to support each other through this cost of living crisis. This February let's continue to be a community which brings a little bit of summer into each other's winter.

David Spence

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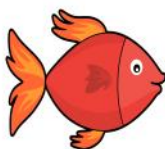


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Okehampton Choral Society will be performing this well known work on Saturday 1st April 2023 at Fairplace Church, Okehampton at 3 p.m.. Anyone who would be interested in joining us for this performance will be most welcome – all voices will be happily accommodated. If you feel you would like to brush up your understanding of this work please feel free to join us at any of our rehearsals which take place on Mondays at 7:15pm at Fairplace Church. For further details please contact Jenny Gibbons on 01837 840282



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Clock Tower Roof

The Council will be considering tenders from contractors to rebuild the roof at their meeting on 7th February 2023.

Cemetery Extension

The council is progressing the planning application for the cemetery extension. The Tier 1 ground water assessment identified a requirement for a Tier 2 assessment (further investigative works) which will commence 25th January 2023. The Council has accrued substantial reserves for many years to pay for the cemetery extension which will cover these costs.

We have also recently had a Commonwealth War Games Plaque fitted on the entrance to the cemetery to commemorate our fallen parishioners from the World Wars who are buried there.

Transport Matters

Members of the Council met with DCC Highways Community Officer in October, and discussed the removal of some double yellow lines in the Town Centre, the provision of a 7.5t weight limit through the Town, a pedestrian crossing in High Street, Electric Vehicle on-street charging points, altered parking arrangements in the Square (to include vehicle movements, time limits and pavement widening) and the provision of a vehicle speed activation sign at the 30mph limit on approach to the Town towards Batheway Fields. We also discussed the poor state of the roads in the Parish and were informed that the inevitable budget restrictions by DCC meant most reported potholes did not qualify as a safety risk and therefore would not be repaired. We are still awaiting a response to the questions we raised and are continuing to pursue Highways.

We are actively seeking the co-operation of businesses in the town who are willing to consider providing parking space for a public Electric vehicle charging point and will be carrying out a feasibility study of the town centre carpark to consider re-design to accommodate electric vehicle charging without the loss of further parking spaces and also provision of additional regular parking.

We are hoping to identify roads in the Town that would be suitable for a 20mph limit. However, our application will be hindered as we do not have enough volunteers to form an active Community Speed watch group to gather the required data to support the application. If you are interested in joining the speed watch group, please contact the Town Clerk

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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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 where 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 7th February 2023, 7.30pm at North Tawton Rugby Club, when the Council will set the 2023-24 budget and precept demand.

Melanie Bickell Town Clerk

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Christmas has been packed away in the loft. Husband and I are still diligently working our way through assorted Christmas food including marzipan fruits, roast turkey and stuffing flavoured crisps and several bags of liquorice allsorts. Please note – I'm not that keen on marzipan, I'd rather have cheese and onion crisps and I detest liquorice. Husband, however, is happy to rise to any challenge involving food. Luckily for him, there is a plentiful supply of indigestion tablets in the bedside cupboard ready to deal with the inevitable consequences. Unluckily for me, I have to listen to the noisy crunching of aforementioned tablets whilst attempting to drift into a peaceful slumber. Note to self – swop tablets for liquid.

A further note to self. Remember to send certain W.I. ladies on a training course regarding how to use a booster seat at the theatre. Yes – you read that correctly. Before the actual pantomime started [Sleeping Beauty at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth] we were witness to our very own pantomime in the back row of the stalls. As a result, the staff at the theatre are planning to write 'THIS WAY UP' on the booster seats. I think I might have promised to not mention this particular incident in Roundabout but it was so funny I just can't help myself. Once everyone was settled in their seats [the right way up] we were treated to two hours of perfect panto. Shane Ritchie and his co-stars were magnificent. There was pretty much non-stop laughter. Costumes, scenery, music and special effects were outstanding and listening to the parties of school children laughing and shouting, when 'Muddles' squirted them with his Super Soaker Water Pistol, was lovely. Laughter is definitely one of the best medicines – along with indigestion remedies.

Ever played Twister? The W.I. have. Unfortunately, our January speaker was unwell - so we had an impromptu Games Afternoon. There is now photographic evidence of two ladies on the Twister mat attempting to a) stay upright, b) maintain a modicum of W.I. decency, and c) avoid an urgent and embarrassing conversation with the Devon Air Ambulance.

Bingo is a lot safer. No risk of hip dislocation when you play bingo. And if you've got your own 'Dabber' it's even more fun. We even had our own professional bingo caller who knew the 'Bingo Lingo'. Number 87 – Torquay in Devon. Number 61 – Baker's Bun. Number 33 – Dirty knee/All the threes/Fish, chips and peas [honestly – I'm not making this up] With my Dabber poised I was the envy of others. Sadly – it made no difference. No prize for me. My Dabber has been put into storage awaiting another opportunity.

Would you like to know who's coming to talk to us this year? Of course you would. Well, our programme is packed with interesting speakers including Ann Widdecombe, Caroline Hennings from De Bora, Exeter [a lingerie and swimwear specialist] and the Devon Air Ambulance. What a line up. And finally – can anyone tell me why I bought three boxes of Turkish Delight for Christmas?

Sue Knott

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27th March

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24th April

Erica Eden - Catastrophe at Hayne Bridge and William Bibbings

22nd May TBA

26th June

Helen Wilson - The Remarkable Pinwill sisters

27th July (Thurs)

Outing to Coldridge church 2-4 p.m.

25th September

Nigel Browne - History of Bow

23rd October

Lucy Browne - Bow Manor

27th November

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11th February and the 11th March.
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For more information go to
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SAMPFORD COURTENAY AND HONEYCHURCH FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 2023.

Do parishioners want to revert back to a full scheduled show at the Village Hall?

Is there enough support from those wishing to exhibit and help with the event?

**MEETING TO DECIDE ON
WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 7PM AT
SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL.**

Please come along and let us know your thoughts.

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.

A meeting was held in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday January 10th.

Margaret Cleveland (President) welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung.

The speaker was Tim Layton-Hyslop who gave a very informative talk on Wills, Power of Attorney and Care, etc. He was thanked by Karen Hunter.

After tea and social time the business of the afternoon was dealt with. There has not been any movement on the forming of a Group of WIs.

The meeting voted to put forward the Resolution to the NFWI Annual Meeting about saving water. The shrub outside the hall has been replaced to help celebrate the King's Coronation.

Margaret thanked everyone who took part in the village hall concert. She also gave out the results of all the competition winners during 2022. The winners of the F.O.M. competitions were 1st Ethel Nancekivell, 2nd Shirley Reddaway, 3rd Sally Kenealy. The competition winners were 1st Anne Leaman, 2nd Shirley Reddaway and tied 3rd Sally Kenealy and Vera Collins. A special award was made to Kath Neno, in her absence, for her 84 years as a member of the W.I..

The next walk is to be at Fatherford, Okehampton on Friday January 27th.

The winners of the F.O.M. were tied—Doris Piper and Ethel Nancekivell and there was also a tie for the competition, which was for an Heirloom - Sally Kenealy and Shirley Reddaway.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 14th in Exbourne village hall at 2.30p.m. when the speaker, will be Gary Holpen talking about The South West Coast Path.

Margaret Weeks



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Watercolour Investigations: Prussian Blue – Emma at Art Scribe, North Tawton's watercolour makers

The deep midnight colour of Prussian Blue has an interesting story. From dyeing the Prussian army uniform to starring in many iconic works of art from Hokusai's 'Great Wave' to Picasso's 'Blue Period'.

Prussian Blue has always been a much loved colour in my palette. Surprisingly to me, not everyone shares this love. Here are some reactions people gave when I excitedly announced we were adding it to our range of watercolour paints: "It's very staining", "that's a hard colour to work with" and even; "I wouldn't give it the time of day!" Well we did give it the time of day, many hours in fact.

Hand mulling is a traditional paint making process that suspends coloured pigments with a binder. It's a methodical, hands-on approach that allows us to become connected with the unique characteristics of the pigments therefore allowing us to add more colour, tweak the binder or control how much we mull. As Reg mullied Prussian Blue, I became mesmerised by the deep dark blue pigment as it changed from powder to paste then into the paint that flowed out across the glass slab in increasing circular movements. Like a black and magical mirror, the depth of the colour reflected back the room and ourselves, while streaks of brilliant electric blue shone through.

Eagerly I set about exploring what our freshly made Prussian Blue watercolour paint could do. My initial instinct was to work it with minimal dilution and use it over subtle yellows and bright greens to allow them to pop through the midnight blue-black and give contrast. I threw salt crystals upon the wet surface in order for abstract stars to appear. I worked wet on wet, dropping Prussian Blue into pools of Hansa Yellow to watch it creep and blend organically. When diluted with water, Prussian is a pale, cool greeny blue.

I then explored some more deliberate and formal colour mixing. The results were beautifully subtle and delightfully surprising. For the deepest darks you can't go wrong with adding Prussian to the mix. Try mixing Prussian with a Deep Crimson Red for dark shadows. When mixed with yellows and greens your green palette will expand a hundred fold! Depending on the yellow you use, Prussian mixes both vivid and earthy greens perfect for painting foliage. Skies and seascapes become atmospheric with interesting granulating effects when mixed with Graphite Black or Burnt Umber as greys, teals and earthy browns are produced. It's worth going slowly though, Prussian Blue is indeed staining, so it can dominate a palette if you add too much. It can also leave interesting and subtle watermarks if you try to lift it once it's laid down. Bear these factors in mind and Prussian Blue will reward you with a diverse and exciting colour and tonal range.

Prussian Blue will continue to be a favourite in my palette and I recommend exploring its qualities if you haven't already. Finally, I invite the sceptics to give it another go and embrace its (magical) power!

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SCPC – on Wed Dec 7th & Wed Jan 4th held their normal monthly meetings. (5 councillors & 4 members of the public and 7 councillors and 1 member of the public)

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.

Request to list Church Rooms as a Community Asset. A request has been received from a Parishioner asking SCPC to list the Church Rooms as a Community Asset. <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/9250/Guidance-for-Local-Communities>

The meeting agreed that Clerk/Chair should write and formally contact the PCC and WDBC and inform them of this request, and place the item on the Agenda for the next meeting for a decision. If any parishioner wishes to comment on this item please get in touch with the Clerk before the next meeting.

Up-date Snow Warden Register – Cllr. Coleman was actioned to arrange a Refresher Training session for current and new Snow Volunteers. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/snow-warden-scheme>
If you would like to volunteer please contact the Clerk or Cllr Coleman direct.
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Parishioners are urged to report any accidents that occur anywhere within the parish, but particularly those caused by icy conditions on Frankland Hill, both to the Police and the Clerk so that an evidentiary record can be maintained.

Dates for coming year. 2023/24. In Election year's the AGM has to take place within 2 weeks of the Election which is on May 4th. Meetings are as follows: Feb 1st, Mar 1st, Finance meeting Mar 22nd, April 5th, May 17th A.G.M. followed by monthly meeting, Open meeting - date to be agreed, June 7th, July 5th, Aug 2nd, Sept 6th, Oct 4th,

Oct 18th Open Meeting, Nov 1st, Dec 6th 2024: Jan 3rd, Feb 7th and Mar 6th.

Digital Skills sessions – Cllr. M Morrissey – as the Village Hall have chosen to organise these sessions, Cllr. Morrissey asked that this item be removed from future Agenda items and that the 3 dates already booked be cancelled.

Lime Tree in the Churchyard – there is a pile of logs beside the church wall. Parishioners are welcome to come and take them away. If you would like to make a small donation towards the limbing of the tree, there is a donation box in the wall inside the church. Thank you.

Defibrillator Training – has been booked for 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd Feb 2023 at the Village Hall. Cllr. Coleman proposed a formal request to the Village Hall to waive any fees for this Community Event. This was seconded by Cllr. Morrissey and agreed unanimously.

King Charles III Coronation Mugs – SCPC agreed to order a supply of Coronation Mugs. These will be available Free of Charge to parishioners under 16 who register with the Clerk, and available to purchase for £7 each to anyone else. PLEASE LET THE CLERK KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ORDER ANY, as soon as possible.
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Bondleigh Rainfall

Although both November and December had long wet periods, the two months were very different. November had rain on most days. This amounted to 179.5 mm. compared to only 53 mm. in 2021. December started dry and this continued until mid month with a particularly cold week. The only precipitation was 9.1mm. which fell as snow. This snow remained on the ground for the following week, reminding us of the old saying 'if snow hangs around it's waiting for more'. We shall see. The rest of the month was wet with rain on most days and this amounted to 121.1 mm. The total rainfall for 2022 was 926.3 mm.. A dry year, but we have had many with much less rain. The driest year that I have recorded was 2003 with only 680.9 mm.. I have included data for the last three years, which shows how variable our rainfall is.

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Mrs Harris goes to Paris	Friday 24th February 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start
BIG BREAKFAST	Saturday 4th March 8.30 -10.00 a.m.

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Do you have a few hours a week to support with reading with a child? We have many children who would really benefit from and enjoy reading to and with an adult in school. If this is not something you have done before don't worry, we will provide guidance.

Do you have a specific talent or skill? Maybe you have a passion for art, music or sport, or a skill in dressmaking, coding or basket weaving! We are keen to give our children lots of opportunities in the curriculum and also through clubs and lunch time activities.

Maybe you can't volunteer on a regular basis, or during the school day, but could support a specific project. Our school pond was dug, and our fence were made by parent volunteers at the weekend. This spring, I would love to have a team of helpers weed and plant our memorial garden, and later in the spring a team to help us further develop our forest school. This could be after school (when it's lighter) or a weekend.

What's the process?

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Look out for gardening days on our school news section on our website.

If you would like to volunteer in school time, such as reading with children, we will need to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) The certificate will contain details of convictions and conditional cautions. The school will organise this with you as we will need identification and your permission to see this record. You will need to attend a short school safeguarding and code of conduct training session so that you know our procedures to ensure child safety.

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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

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Mini Winter Challenge - 1 December - 20 February.

A reading adventure from the Reading Agency, which encourages children to continue reading over the winter holidays with a free, digital platform offering rewards and prizes for continuing to read. Take part online via the Challenge website: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

1-1 Digital Support - Libraries for Life – Opening the Digital Door.

Book onto one of our FREE sessions to learn some basic digital skills or improve and refresh existing skills.

Bring in your own device or use our public access computers. Contact Okehampton Library to have a chat about how we can help, and to book a digital session. Booking essential.

National Storytelling Week - 30 January – 4 February.

Join us for lively songs and stories based around this year's Book Trust Storytime books. Collect stickers for your Storytime sticker book, vote for your favourite story, and enjoy fun activities. FREE events, just drop in. No booking necessary.

Monday 30 Jan. 14:30 stories and activity

Tuesday 31 Jan. 10:00 & 11:00 Bounce & Rhyme plus a story and activity

Wednesday 1 Feb. 09:30 Duplo, stories, and activity

Thursday 2 Feb. 14:30 Stories and activity

Friday 3 Feb. 10:30 Stories and activity

Saturday 4 Feb. 10:30 Stories and activity

Friends of the Library - monthly meeting - Monday 6 January 14:00 -15:00.

Are you interested in becoming a friend of Okehampton Library?

Anyone is welcome to get involved and support the library by organising or helping with events, encouraging use of the library, and supporting fundraising activities.

Family History Research – Wednesday 8 February 09:30 -12:30.

Libraries for Life – Opening the Digital Door.

Book on to one of our 45 minute FREE 1-1 sessions for advice on family history research and for help using the Ancestry website. For more information or to book a space please contact Okehampton library. Booking essential.

Marvellous Menagerie – Monday 13 February 14:00 -15:00.

Use your imagination to create animals using our craft materials.

Book your place, £1 per child, suitable for children aged 5+ and their carers.

Understanding Emotions & Developing Self-Care BIPC Session – Monday 20 February 10:00 -11:15.

In this session, BIPC will cover tips and tools for managing emotions to break stress cycles and avoid burnout.

<https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/events> Reserve your FREE spot. This is part of the 'Create Your Own Life Story' collection from our Business & IP Centre Devon. Other events in this collection can be viewed at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/create-your-own-life-story-with-bipc-devon-1466499>

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**FEBRUARY SERVICES at St. Andrew's
Church
Sampford Courtenay**

5th Feb. 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship
 12th Feb. 9.30 a.m. Communion
 19th Jan. 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
 22nd Feb. 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
 Communion & Imposition of the Ashes
 29th Feb. 9.30 a.m. Communion

**FEBRUARY SERVICES at St. Peter's
Church
North Tawton**

5th Feb. 11 a.m. Morning Worship
 12th Feb. 11 a.m. Informal Communion
 19th Feb. 11 a.m. Family Service
 26th Feb. 11 a.m. Traditional Communion

**FEBRUARY SERVICES at St. James' Church
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5th Feb. 9.30 a.m. Communion Service
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3 rd Sunday	Ministry	No service unless advertised otherwise
4 th Sunday	No Service unless advertised otherwise	3 p.m.
5 th Sunday	Prayer & Communion	No service unless advertised otherwise

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Thursday 24th November

Reginald AYTON (93 years),

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Internment of Ashes

Friday 25th November

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Under 5's Stay and Play session – Mondays 10:00-11:00.
A fun, free play session for little ones. Come play and socialise. Tea and coffee available for grownups. For under 5's and their parents/carers, no booking necessary. FREE session, donations welcome.

A Cuppa & A Chat - Tuesdays 13:30 -15:30. Enjoy a natter with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton. No booking necessary. Just drop in.

Read Easy – First Tuesday of every month 10:00-12:00.
Come and chat with Richard from Read Easy, the charity that helps adults learn to read. Richard would love to talk to you, particularly if you are interested to know more about what Read Easy do and/or if you would like to introduce someone to their free 1:1 and confidential service.

Reading Group – First Tuesday of every month.
SPACES AVAILABLE - Please contact library for details.

Bounce & Rhyme - Tuesdays 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20.
Suitable for under 5s. FREE, no booking necessary.

Baby Weigh – Tuesdays 09:30-11:30.
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Duplo Builders & Storytime - Wednesdays 09:30–10:15.
Suitable for under 5s. FREE, no booking necessary.

Lego Builders - Saturdays 10:30–11:30.
Suitable for ages 5+. FREE, no booking necessary.

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Sampford Courtenay

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March	Lent, No Flowers

Honeychurch

February	Sue Svedang
March	Vera Collins

Bondleigh

Feb 5th	Trish Peters
Feb 12th / Feb 19th	Caroline Stokes
Feb 26th / Mar 3rd	Nicola Raffan
No flowers. Brass only	

North Tawton

Flowers

Feb 5th / 12th	Cathy Drake
Feb 19th	Carol Whitely
Feb 26th - April 2nd	Lent No Flowers

Brass

February	Carol Whitely
March	Monica Simons

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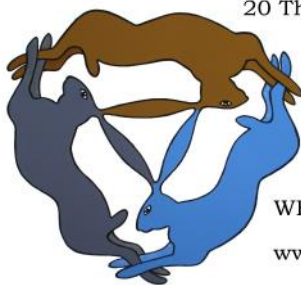
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