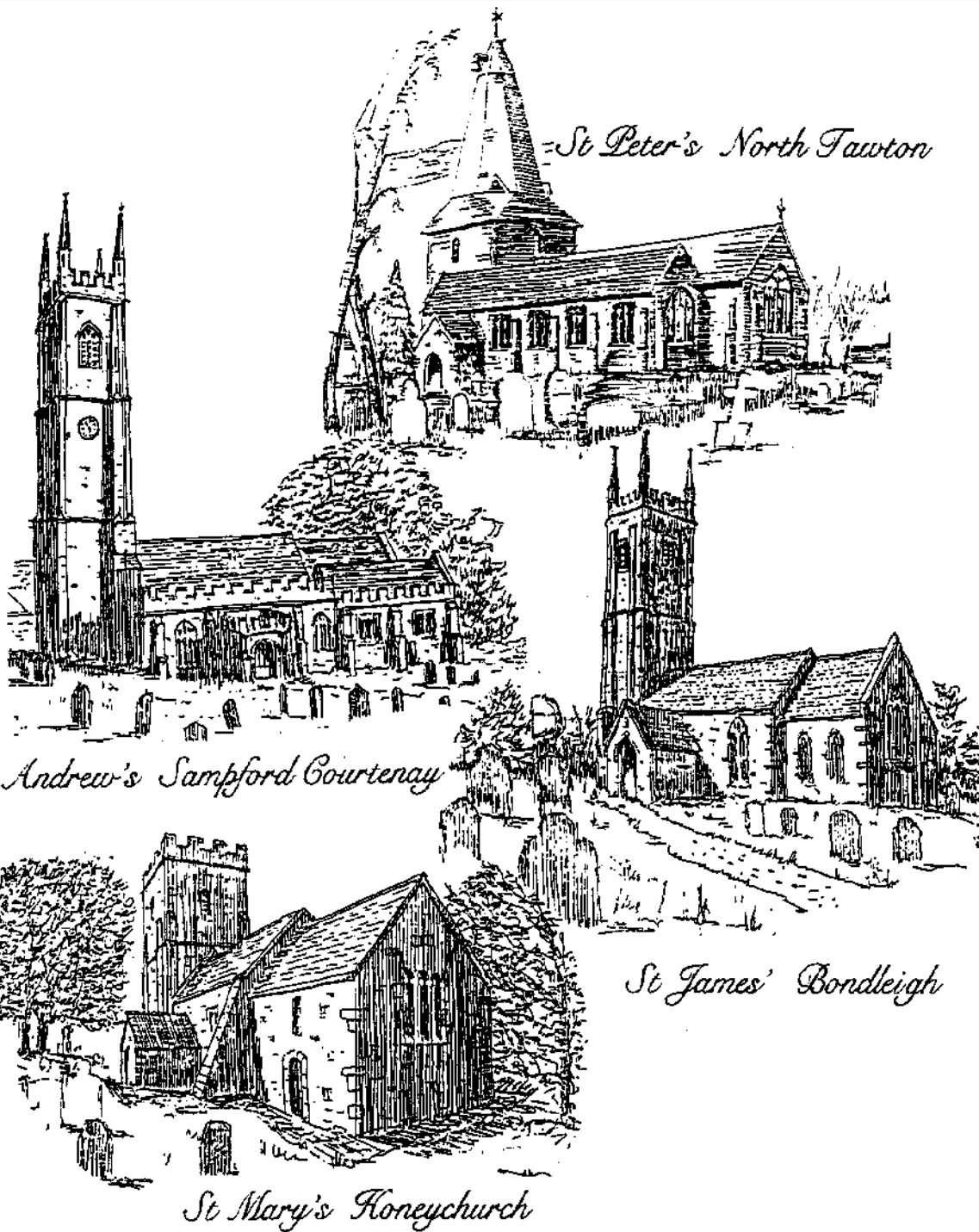


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## From The Rectory

In our family this Lent, we have been watching the TV series "The Chosen". As with most things TV, we are very late to the party, and you may have watched it months ago. If you haven't, I'd certainly recommend giving it a go. If you've never heard of it, it is a dramatization of the life of Jesus and his disciples during the three years of his ministry, told largely through the eyes of his disciples.

We've found it a moving and fascinating experience on many levels, not least the insight into the Jewish culture that Jesus was raised in. But the one thing that struck me particularly was the humanity of Jesus. In one episode we see him washing his face, in another struggling to light a fire, and even bleeding when he injures himself with a woodworking tool. I have to admit that part of me was quite shocked. Even though the Bible insists that Jesus was both God and a human being, I confess I hadn't spent much time thinking about what that might have looked like. Did Jesus really make jokes? Did he dance? Drink wine? Find it hard to sleep at night?

It might be that you have no problems believing that Jesus cleaned his teeth, but instead find it hard to believe he was also God himself. For some the idea of God becoming a human being is as absurd as the idea that there is a God. Among all the proofs which the Bible gives for its central claim that Jesus was God, Easter is the most important. That a Jewish man called Jesus existed and died cruelly on a Roman cross is fairly solid historical ground. That he rose back to life three days later on the first Easter Sunday, is claimed by Christians as the proof that he was indeed God with us. This is a matter of faith, but not blind faith. There are, I believe, many good reasons for believing that Jesus

rose from the dead.

And maybe the most important is that we are still talking about him today. When a penniless preacher is executed for claiming to be God, such a madman is normally forgotten within days. Particularly when all his followers flee for their lives into hiding. But in Jesus' case something happened to transform those fearful followers; transformed them into bold preachers, unafraid to be tortured and executed cruelly for their claim that Jesus was God who had defeated death. A power was unleashed which still reverberates today – there are today an estimated 2.4 billion Christians in our world.

If all that is true, you might wonder why Jesus didn't just sort everything out when he was on Earth. Surely he could have been like Superman, rescuing everyone in need with super-human strength; immune to any kind of injury? If he wanted to light a fire, why didn't he just click his fingers and manipulate the elements? But Jesus wasn't like Superman. Jesus cried, and he bled.

Jesus reveals to us a God who does not force himself on us with his power but woos us with his humble love. Most supremely, Jesus bled for us on the cross. He chose to give up his power for a reason, for us. To make the sacrifice which means that we can come home to God as his forgiven children. That is why so many down the ages have found Jesus so irresistible.

So, this Easter week, why not take some time to reflect on what it must have been like to see God as a human being – and to see him not just work and eat and cry... but also to die and come back to life again!

*Eleanor and David Spence*

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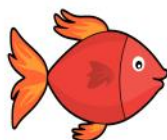


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### A message from Brian Drake:

On Sunday the 5th March over 20 bell ringers came to St. Peter's Tower, North Tawton to help celebrate my retirement as Captain of the Tower, a position I had held since 1967. I have been ringing there since 1942 when I was 14 years old.

Graham Pridham has now taken over as captain and I am sure he will do a very good job.

The bells were rung, refreshments were provided by the North Tawton ringers who then presented me with a wonderful framed photo of the tower along with a bell rope, for which I am very grateful, and thanked everyone present."



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## Council Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May

Elections will take place to elect 12 North Tawton Town Councillors. The election process commences on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the closing date for nominations is 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Town Council is non-political, but candidates can stand on behalf of a registered political party providing they meet the requirements to do so.

Between 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Council enters into a period of Purdah and the Council is not permitted to promote the work of the Council or any current serving Councillors.

The term of office for all current Councillors ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 when our councillors stand down. Following the result of the election, a new term of office for 4 years will commence at the first town council meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, where the elected Councillors will sign declarations of acceptance of office and form the North Tawton Town Council

Between 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May, please contact the Town Clerk on all Council matters.

*Melanie Bickell, Town Clerk*



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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

Well here I am again sat in front of a blank sheet of paper wondering how to fill the shoes of our normal Roundabout reporter. Not normally known for my silence, it's a bit of a surprise that I am struggling to find anything to say about the recent exploits of the ladies of North Tawton W.I. I could tell you about our W.I. speaker last month. Caroline from De Bora lingerie in Exeter who held us all spellbound in our seats. Caroline talked us through the evolution of the bra from a plank of wood shoved down one's bodice to a lacey bit of frippery that somehow manages to do the job of holding things in the right place. Who knew that to 'droop and scoop' was the correct way to don said item of underwear or that the average bra is made from over 40 components?

I could tell you about the wonderful decorated bras that members created for the competition complete with pom poms, diamanté and a nesting blackbird no less.

I could also tell you about the recent trip we took to the Masonic Hall in Okehampton to learn about what goes on there. I could tell, but of course in doing so, you would have to be sworn to secrecy but let me just say that the W.I. aprons we use could come in handy.

I could tell you that our ladies have baked cakes, cooked bacon and sausages and served tea to the good people of the town or that there are plans afoot for the Christmas party in December. I have heard through the grapevine that the ability to drink rum and tie knots will be very useful, but I shall say no more for fear of spoiling the surprise.

And then I thought I could tell you about the dance workshop we had with Miss Mandy where hips were seen moving in ways they hadn't done for years and the occasional whoop and holler was drowned out by the laughter of all those taking part.

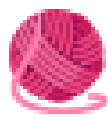
Of course I could always mention that we have Ann Widdecombe coming to speak in April. Yes THE Ann Widdecombe of Strictly who will be regaling us with tales from her long and varied career. We anticipate that we will have a full house although visitors are always welcome to join us at the Rugby Club on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00p.m..

I wondered whether I should mention that in the coming months we have a trip to BBC Spotlight on the cards or that we have booked tickets for the Pantomime in Plymouth again (we haven't - oh yes we have!) and have a coach booked to take us all shopping to Clarkes Village just before Christmas. But in the end, I find myself sitting here struggling to put into words the many things we get up to or the fun we all have together whenever we meet. Which leaves me with a problem of having nothing to write this month and a plea for our regular Roundabout reporter to get better soon!

*Jan Gray*



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across our parishes in April



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Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Communion @ 7:30pm

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**Bondleigh Rainfall**

Reports in the media that February was the driest on record were borne out by my measurement of only 17.5 mm. compared with 91.8 mm. in February 2022. After the almost continuous rain from mid December to mid January, we have now had six weeks with very small amounts of rain or drizzle. Although climate change is blamed for these extremes, they are typical of our climate in the South West. We have always lurched from one extreme to the other. After five dry days in March, by the 10th we have already had 67mm..

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## Sculpture School talent cannot be contained.

**The world-famous Sculpture School, nestled on the edge of rural Dartmoor, is holding another major sculpture exhibition in April 2023. Following the huge success of their inaugural One Year Student's Graduate Show last year, this year's exhibition will feature works by their most talented alumni.**

The sculpture school's global appeal as the leading centre for realist figurative sculpture led it to launch a 12-month intensive programme in 2021. This unique course is suited to serious students wanting to develop a career as professional sculptors, something no other programme in the country can do. However, this year the school has seen a wealth of talent emerge amongst their regular workshop students as well. As a result, this year's exhibition, titled '**Species**', will be a collection of inspiring sculptures specially selected from their top alumni.

Andrew Sinclair, Director of The Sculpture School explains: "*We have been overwhelmed by the interest in our courses this past year. A handful of students have become regular attendees at our workshops, so inspired by the teaching that they have developed their own work at home. They have produced some impressive sculptures which we are very proud to exhibit. It's a great opportunity to showcase their work alongside that of our excellent One Year graduates' sculptures.*"

The **Species** exhibition will be open to the general public from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April through to Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..



North Tawton Repair Café would like to thank everyone who comes along to our events – it makes us all happy when we can fix something which would otherwise be thrown away. 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!

We are also now able to offer repairs to computers and to bikes. Bikes must be booked in – please drop us a message on Facebook, or call Ruth 01837 82207.

1<sup>st</sup> April – 10 a.m. to 12.30

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Barton Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HN.

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

We would also love to have new repairers join us, particularly those who can help with fixing electrical items – vacuums, radios etc.. Get in touch if you would like to share your skills.



## OPEN GARDENS DAY NORTH TAWTON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2023

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Proud of your garden? Got a courtyard or outdoor space that you enjoy? Why not let others enjoy it too, as part of our Open Gardens Day?

Following on from the last very successful garden trail that we held in 2019, we're inviting North Tawton residents to join in the fun once again. You'll meet new people, get new ideas, and be rewarded for all that hard work!

The Events group will prepare a map of the town for people to follow and will make the maps available throughout the town. To have your garden or open space entered on the map, get in touch with us at [ntheventscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ntheventscommittee@gmail.com) We'll need all entries by 2<sup>nd</sup> June to make sure everyone gets on to the map.

We'll also include your garden shed or summerhouse if you have an interesting activity that you'd like to share. Last time we found a whisky tasting shed, and a 50s café in a shed! What else is out there.....?

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## Sampford Courtenay Spring Clean

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Meet 10am New Inn Car Park



SCPC would like to invite parishioners to VOLUNTEER to help give the parish a bit of a spring clean:- litter picking, cleaning bus shelters and telephone boxes, clearing foliage from around toilets and shelters etc and washing the road signs.

Please bring any suitable tools:- buckets, brushes, secateurs, loppers gloves, and hi-vis clothing you have yourself, and SCPC will try and provide some too!

**RISK ASSESSMENT** – Please read the Risk Assessment sheets on the website prior to meeting at the New Inn Car Park – you will be asked to sign to say you have read and understood them

If you prefer to "Litter Pick" in your own area, without meeting at the Village Hall – please email [SCPCclerk@aol.com](mailto:SCPCclerk@aol.com) to state that you have read the Risk Assessments. THANK YOU

**A chance for a social drink at the pub afterwards if you need rehydration!**



**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
10 a.m. – 12 noon  
SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE  
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***If you or your family enjoy using the Village Green and Play Area we need your help!***

**Various jobs need doing to bring it up to scratch!**

**Moving the tree branches to make a dead hedge.  
Clean & repair the play equipment  
Clean & stain the benches.  
Weed the cobbles .....**

**Lots of jobs – we just need you to volunteer please!**



## **SAMPFORD COURTENAY AND HONEY-CHURCH FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 2023.**

**Start planning your entries.  
VEGETABLES**

1. Four potatoes, white (purely white)
2. Four potatoes, coloured (those with any other colour inc. eyes)
3. Peas (6 pods)
4. Three onions from sets
5. Three onions from seed
6. Four shallots
7. One cabbage – (try and inc 75mm of stalk – no roots)
8. Six spring onions
9. One carrot, long (pointed ends)
10. Three carrots, short (stumped ends)
11. Three beetroot, round (remove leaves but leave stalk)
12. Six pods runner beans
13. Longest runner bean (one)
14. One marrow (350 mm max)
15. One courgette (150mm max – with flowers if possible)
16. One cucumber
17. Four sprays parsley
18. One lettuce (inc. washed roots)
19. Any other vegetable \* (See list included for number required)
20. Garlic (one head of)
21. 4 Radish (matching size and shape)
22. 6 pods French beans
23. **OPEN – Heaviest potato**
24. **OPEN - Heaviest crop from one seed potato (provided by Committee – complete bucket [no extensions] & contents brought to show to be weighed)**
25. **OPEN - Supermarket reject – any mis-shaped fruit or veg..**
26. – **SALAD COLLECTION** : choose any 4 varieties out of the following and present in a suitable container [e.g. trug/basket]:
  - a).Globe beetroot (1) b).Tomatoes (3) c). Golden ball turnip (2) d).Carrots (2) e).Cucumber (1) f).Potatoes (3) g). Peppers (1) h). Courgettes (2) i). Aubergines (1) j). Red Onion (1) k).Lettuce (1) l). Bunch of radish (4) m).Spring Onions (6)The number shown in brackets, is the quantity needed of each chosen vegetable.



Thank you to all who attended the Bondleigh Barn Band concert at St. Peter's Church in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and gave so generously on 26th February. The magnificent total of £1,110 was raised.

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## Ian runs again!

Local runner, Ian Webber (husband of Jayne at NT Post Office) is due to run his 22nd consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 22nd April.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of Hospice U.K.. Hospice U.K. 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 April, mainly by email and Facebook.

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

You can donate via the Justgiving page: [www.justgiving.com/ianwebberlm2023](http://www.justgiving.com/ianwebberlm2023) or alternatively, drop in a donation to Jayne at the Post Office. (Please complete a slip in the P.O. if you are eligible for Gift Aid) Ian and Jayne can be contacted via email: [jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk) or phone: 01837 82540.

£3000 was raised last year for Hospice U.K., with our community's help. Over the years, Ian and Jayne have raised an incredible £75,664 for various charities.



## THE ART BOX – April 2023

**In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute, please contact Ruth on 07810590954 or at [ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk](mailto:ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk)**

It was a fine Sunday afternoon in Iddesleigh, with a spotless cerulean sky and nothing but sun-warmed green stretching out to the crisp shoulders and hips of Dartmoor lying against the blue. The concert we'd just witnessed was nothing short of magical. Poems by Ted Hughes read by Carol Hughes, by Sean Rafferty read by Clare Morpurgo, and by Michael Morpurgo read by himself, interspersed with chamber music played by Kerenza Peacock, Josh Michaels, Steve Doman, and Joe Roberts. One particularly powerful poem Michael read to their clear and heartfelt music was about the yew tree just outside the church whose deep ancient wisdom reminded us that 'to be is enough'. On leaving, we paid our respects to the tree, and to the memorial of James Ravilious, the great photographer who captured rural life in these parts. I'm struck by the incredible artistic wealth here, it's deep connection to a sense of place, and how clearly these creative friendships have galvanised and inspired one another's work. It makes me excited about the artistic friendships I have here and reminds me how important it is to encourage and build each other up. We have some strong shoulders to stand on.

~ Ruth Smith, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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SCPC –on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> March held their normal monthly meetings.(6 councillors & 6 members of the public)

#### Public Participation

- a) **Request by member of the public that SCPC** support campaign for the re-opening of Okehampton Hospital. Supported unanimously. Clerk will email local councillors and MP with statement of support.
- b) **2 members of the Parochial Church Council** asked Chair M. Wilson to attend the next P.C.C. meeting on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm to explain the ongoing process of Registering the Church Rooms as a Community Asset.
- c) **Devon Oil Collective** – it was suggested by a member of the public that SCPC encourage parishioners to join the Devon Oil Collective - <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/services/devon-oil-collective> to help prevent multiple deliveries to the parish by multiple oil companies on the same day. More details will be made available on the Website and via the email subscription list.

**Citizens Advice Bureau** – Funding Request – councillors agreed to grant £50 from the S137 EMR Fund

**Defibrillator Training** – 23 Attendees found this a very informative and instructional evening.

**SCENSUS – Keep Britain Tidy Litter Pick** – Volunteers to meet at 10 a.m. New Inn Car park to litter pick around Sampford Courtenay.

**The Big Help Out** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 10am on the Village Green – Volunteers please to tidy and repair the Village Green and Play Equipment.

**King Charles III Coronation Mugs** – Thank you to everyone who ordered their mugs. They will soon be available for collection or will be presented at the Village Hall Bring Your Own Picnic on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**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>

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**Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at [SCPCClerk@aol.com](mailto:SCPCClerk@aol.com) or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.**

**Next meetings** Wed .5<sup>th</sup> April and AGM Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May followed by Annual Parish Meeting to meet the new Sampford Courtenay Parish Councillors.

#### **St. James' Church - Spring Coffee Morning - Saturday 22nd April at 10.30 a.m.**

Come along and enjoy a morning coffee and delicious cake, whilst catching up with friends and neighbours. Pick up a bargain from one of our popular stalls. Lin will be running a draw with many fine prizes to be won.

We look forward to seeing you!

Other Diary Dates For Your Diary:-

Grand Plant Sale - 20th May at 10 a.m. - more details to follow.

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## News From North Tawton Community Primary School



### Outdoor Education at North Tawton Community Primary School

Spring is springing all around us! This month I thought it would be good to let the community know about outdoor education at the school.

Emma MacDonald is the member of staff with responsibility for coordinating Outdoor Education at the school. She says:

There is a growing body of research and literature that discusses the benefits of children spending time outdoors. Outdoor learning provides opportunities to:

Promote healthy development in a stimulating learning environment.

Enhance opportunities for free play, such as access to 'loose parts' that inspire creativity.

Encourage children to take appropriate risks to learn risk assessment and self-regulation.

Foster social skills and peer-group relations.

Our aim at [North Tawton Community Primary](#) School is to create a deeper connection with nature that will lead to a change in behaviours and therefore develop a greater care for the environment. This begins with our children.

We look forward to developing an outdoor learning provision that will:

- Instil a love and respect for nature and promote care for our environment.
- Raise awareness of where our food comes from and create a direct relationship between the food they grow to the food they eat. From growing our own fruits and vegetables, preparing, and cooking to eating them outdoors.
- Inspire through workshops such as those led by The Devon Wildlife Trust that create networks of 'Wildlife Councils' within schools where children are empowered to make changes in their school grounds and local communities.
- Foster links with our local community, creating nature days, using local providers and volunteers where possible and developing a space that will benefit the families and residents of North Tawton.


Thank you to the local businesses; Southwest Fixings LTD and Select Builders and Carpentry LTD which have kindly donated their time and materials for enhancing our school pond. We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the coming months.

Do look at our website to find out more about our outdoor learning adventures!

Tara Penny  
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### Internment of Ashes

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February      Charlie GOUNDRY (86 years)      St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

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# National Trust

Hi everyone

This month, we are going to have a focus on some work using traditional methods which has taken place at Finch Foundry.

We have had a busy winter of work in the outside spaces at Finch Foundry. The mighty StOC group of volunteers have helped us out hugely by laying the hedge between the Secret Passage and the car park. This may seem like a strange thing to do - the secret passage is currently not so secret. However, hedge laying is an ancient method of hedge management and has previously been employed on the secret passage hedges at Finch. Have a look at the section between the secret passage and the picnic area that hasn't been layed this year and you will see old layers of hedging.

Hedge laying is used to re-generate old hedges by encouraging new growth. Large stems are partially cut and bent down and pinned in place. Since they remain attached to the plant, they are still alive and will send up fresh young vertical growth from along their length. This leads to the production of dense living fence which can be a haven for wildlife. Hedges produced in this way can house nesting birds, insects and small mammals and are known to provide links across countryside helping animals move around safely.

At the moment, the Secret Passage hedge is a little thin, so we are planning to bulk it up by planting small trees such as hazel and blackthorn in the gaps. This should allow us to build up a lovely dense hedge over time. It is great to be able to start work like this to improve the environment around Finch Foundry and to make it a more wildlife friendly area. Another piece of work that has been completed this winter is to remove three ash trees which were succumbing to ash die back disease. Two of these are in Mill Meadow and one in a stand of trees near the exit. The trees were becoming unsafe and the removal of those in Mill Meadow gives us more room to plant other trees in the area. This is likely to happen next winter.

Finch re-opens for the new season on Wednesday 22nd March. As Finch is small, it is best to book your preferred time online by visiting [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/finch-foundry](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/finch-foundry).

Best wishes all,  
**Paula**  
Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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## Church Flowers & Brass

### Sampford Courtenay

April Shirley Reddaway  
May Barbara Smith

### Honeychurch

April Marilyn Weeks  
May Karen Squire

### Bondleigh

April 2nd Pam Evison  
April 9th Easter Sunday / April 16th  
Jacqui Bourne (+ Window Flowers)  
April 23rd / 30th Helen Ruby  
May 7th / 14th Jane Semorad  
May 21st / 28th Lin Warre

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

April 9th / 16th / 23rd Easter Flowers  
April 30th / May 7th Frances Brookes  
May 14th / 21st Hilary Edwards  
May 28th Greta Stoneman

#### Brass

April Jane & Monica Simons  
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North Tawton Residents.

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Sue Gray 01837 82464

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Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted head;  
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