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# September 2023



## **From The Rectory**

Another summer draws to an end. And what a summer it has been! The rain been a constant for us this summer – although for all I know we might end up with a heatwave between when I write this and when you read it! Plans for beach trips and days out over the long school holiday have been replaced by another day in the house. The hosepipe ban looks comical as no one needs to water their garden... well not yet! North Tawton has also ground to a stop with the roadworks to replace the gas mains. The Okehampton Times warned of gridlock in the town centre and diversions of miles to get to the next street... with more to come through into the Autumn as essential work is done to the pipework.

And we also learnt new things about a much more ancient network – the Roman road network. Exeter University revealed the findings of its research tracking down these ancient highways. The surprising result is that North Tawton was the hub of the Roman road network, not Exeter. It's like we've all known for a while, North Tawton really is the centre of the Southwest!

Once that ancient Roman road network spread right across Europe and the Mediterranean. It included those parts of Europe which this summer are experiencing constant oppressive heat, rather than constant rain. Those roads were also the means by which the message about Jesus spread from the far off city of Jerusalem to places as far away as North Tawton. Those roads were

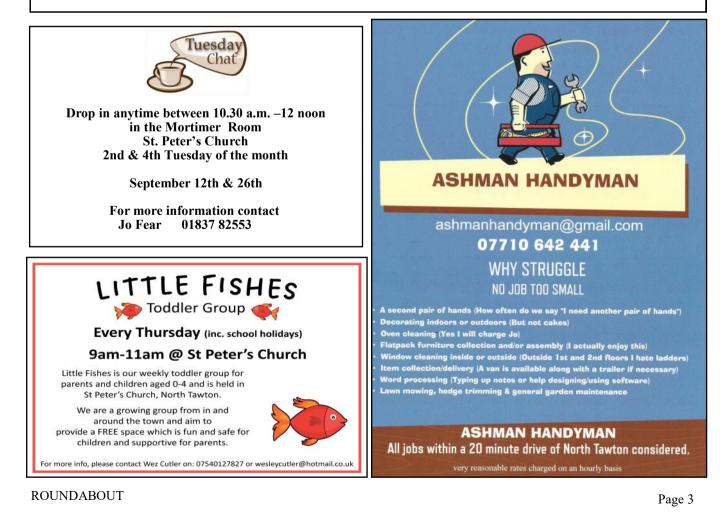
the social media network of the Roman world. Rain, Roman roads, and roadworks – these are the sort of everyday events that Jesus used to make his teaching come alive. He spoke of houses being built on rock and sand and what happens when "the rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against" them. Jesus used this picture to illustrate how to build our lives on the firm foundation of hearing and obeying his message.

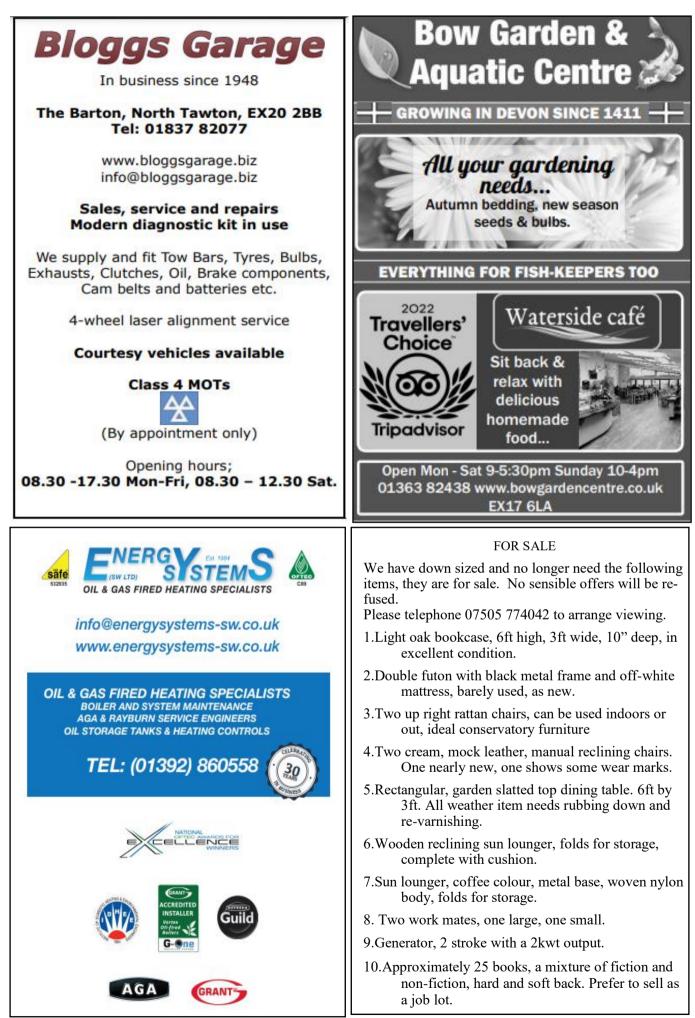
Jesus spoke of Roman roads too. He taught that if a Roman soldier forced you to carry his luggage one mile along the road to not resist but instead offer to take it another mile. Here he was teaching that we should love our enemies and not seek revenge.

Jesus didn't use gas main renewal in any of his teaching as far as I know – he would have been a couple of millennia before his time! But I am sure if he were here today, he would have used it. So, I'll have a go. We humans need God to work deep in our hearts to remake us to be the people he designed us to be. And that transformational work can at times be painful. But through it we find freedom and blessing. I guess that's like the work to replace the main supply pipes in a town, buried deep in the ground. The work is inconvenient at the time but when the winter comes, we'll be grateful.

Maybe I should leave the parables to Jesus.

Rev'd. David Spence





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#### **Cemetery Memorial Inspections**

The Council has a legal duty to carry out health and safety inspections of memorials in the Cemetery and closed Churchyard. The Council has appointed an external, qualified Company to carry out the inspections, which will commence 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.

#### **Clock Tower**

Funding operations are under way to raise the additional monies to rebuild the canopy, which include fund raising and donations. A booklet has been produced and is available to download from the Council website or an email edition can be sent to you on request.

Works to rebuild the roof is anticipated to commence early September (roadworks allowing).

#### **Memorial Park**

The Council has been informed that it must submit a planning application to replace any play equipment in the park. Therefore, we will be carrying out an assessment of all equipment which needs replacing within the next 4 years and will submit a single application. The council will be replacing any equipment with galvanised steel instead of wood for longevity.

The picnic benches in the toddler area are due to be replaced with recycled plastic benches by early September. If you would like to recycle the wood or the benches which are being replaced, please contact the Town Clerk asap.

#### Flagpole Memorial Park

Planning permission has been granted and the flagpole has been ordered. The planning application, purchase, delivery, installation, and new flag have all been paid for by an anonymous donation and should be installed by the end of August.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charge Points**

The Council is in discussions with RAW Charging to provide fully funded charge points in the town carpark, which the Council will host. It is also opening discussions with Hembury Homes to provide public EV charging at their new development off North Street.

#### **Council Meeting.**

Our next council meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and Tara Penny, Principal of our School will be speaking at the open forum. Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, and the open forum is between 7.15 and 7.30 if you wish to make a presentation to the council and residents. To book this slot, please contact the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting. At the Council public forum on 3<sup>rd</sup> October Insp. Conway, Devon & Cornwall Police will speak; on 3<sup>rd</sup> November Rev. Spence – St Peters Church, on 5<sup>th</sup> December Andy Cattermole – Allison Homes development Weavers Place.

Alternatively, we have 2 periods during the meeting when the public can attend and raise matters for the Council to consider. However, unless the matter is already on the agenda, the Council will not be able to offer an immediate response but would carry the item to the next agenda for a formal reply if this is required.

**READING GROUP** 

Normally meets on the last Tuesday of the MONTH 7.30 p.m.

for further information or to join contact Ann Palmer phone 01837851659 Bow & District Historical Society Monday 25th September 7.15 for 7.30p.m. A talk by Anthony Geering on the History of Clannaborough (change to the published programme). Bow Village Hall EX17 6HU free to members of the Society and £4 for visitors, including light refreshments. Secretary 01363 82468

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#### North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

And there was cake. BBC cake. You could say that stands for Beautifully Baked Cake – but it also stands for British Broadcasting Corporation cake. And there were <u>three</u> of them. Didn't expect to have to make such difficult decisions when we arrived for our tour of the BBC Spotlight/Radio Devon studios – had to choose whether to go for lemon drizzle, fruit cake or a piece of the enormous Victoria sponge. Eeny meeny miny, lemon drizzle it is then. (Rude to talk with your mouth full but how delicious was that?) We were plied with refreshments and then given a detailed tour of the building and studios during which we met and chatted to Heidi Davey, Bea Tucker, Rick Edwards and numerous other staff who happily explained what all the technical buttons were for. And my favourite presenter was there too. David Fitzgerald. I waved at him through the glass but alas he was 'on air' and far too busy to wave back.

I remember when he used to share a TV studio with Gus Honeybun.

Gus Honeybun was a puppet. A rabbit puppet. Back in the olden days of TSW, (Television South West from 1982 - 92) at about teatime, when the likes of David Fitzgerald, Judi Spiers and others sat next to Gus, – they would read out children's birthdays and Gus would do however many bunny hops to mark the special occasion – or he would headbutt the magic button to make the backdrop behind them change colour. You're full of awe and wonder aren't you. I'm thinking it may well be a part of David Fitzgerald's career that he'd rather forget.

Hold the front page. News just in. North Tawton W.I. has come **<u>FIRST</u>** in the W.I. Co-operative Competition at the Okie Show. The theme for this year was 'A Special Event' and our talented group of ladies chose to depict the reopening of the Dartmoor Line. Have to say, our entry looked spectacular. Very worthy winners. Wonder which one of our talented group of ladies will be tasked with polishing the trophy.

Had a W.I. outing last week. Went to see a stunning garden. And the sun decided to make an appearance too – which made everything even more lovely. You know when you've driven by a set of wrought iron gates, several times, in a beautiful lane in our Devon countryside – and you say to yourself 'hmmm - wonder what their garden looks like?' Well, now we know. Complete with lake, kitchen garden and gorgeous views. No better way for a like minded group of ladies to spend a couple of hours. And there was cake and fizz too. Perfect.

Can't mention cake again, can I? Can't avoid it really. Our August meeting was a riot of chat and cake. No need for a speaker. Just eat, drink, chat, rattle off a couple of quizzes and guess what's hidden in the sock. It's a North Tawton W.I. game. Just be grateful that husband didn't volunteer a sock. It would have been welded to a welly. Might have put you off your cake.

Sue Knott

PS - And to the person who asked me 'what the heck is a mascol?'. (see August edition) How long have you lived in Devon?!

#### **BONDLEIGH RAINFALL**

Where has our Summer gone! At the beginning of June the talk was all about droughts and heatwaves. Now, at the end of July it feels more like an early Autumn. Hopefully by the time you read this we shall be having some more 'summer' weather. Now for the figures. We have had only 9 dry days in July. Total rainfall has amounted to 126.5mm. This compares to just 15.4mm last year. This prompted me to look back through the records and, as usual, we have seen it all before. 106.9mm in 2017. 119.4mm in 2015. 154.9mm in 2009 and 141.4mm in 2007. I could go on. Our weather

continues to lurch from one extreme to the other. Despite global warming nothing much seems to change in Bondleigh. Many of us still remember the drought of 1976 and the rain of 2000.

Danny Semorad

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Songs from the old Music Hall, from the theatre, from the sea and from around the world will be suitable for all ages. Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of music and fun make a note in your diary now and come along bringing your friends. Our annual Charity Tea Dance with The Hummingbirds in aid of the North Tawton Branch of the British Legion is on Sunday 1st October! Being held in the very vintage Town Hall. The Hummingbirds are a local vintage duo well known in the area and are excellent to dance to and to listen to. Plus the South West Lindy Hoppers will be teaching a class at the start of the afternoon and performing later on. There is also unlimited tea and cake for your enjoyment all for the bargain price £8 in advance or  $\pounds 10$  on the door. Tickets are available from North Tawton Post Office. We will also be holding a raffle with lots of great prizes and raising lots of money for the British Legion with your help, a very worthy cause, and will help with the poppy appeal as well. You can even get dressed up in the 1940s 50s style to add to the afternoon but this is optional. Looking forward to seeing you all on the dance floor.

Honeychurch Fundraising Quiz At Sampford Courtenay Village Hall On Friday October 20th at 7.30 p.m.

Teams of up to 5 people £6 per person To include cheese and biscuits

> Drinks will be available. (Please bring cash)

To book your table please contact 01837 851269 or rmweeks007@gmail.com All funds raised will go towards St Mary's Church, Honeychurch Window repair.

The Guides will be having a Walking Treasure Hunt around the town on Sunday 17th September starting at 2.30 p.m. from Church Cottage, 5 Exeter Street. It will cost £1 per adult and 50p for children under 14, please bring a pen. Once you have completed you can treat yourself to a Takeaway Cream Tea from 3.30 p.m., but please remember a container to take it home in .

Come along and join in one or both, you don't have to do the hunt to come and buy a tea ! All proceeds for Guide funds. Everybody welcome.



#### News from the Moor



Hi everyone

The summer holidays have brought their usual mix of weather. There have been gloriously sunny days followed by amber weather warnings for high wind and torrential rain. It's certainly been keeping us on our toes! All part of the joy of Dartmoor and what makes it such a wonderful place to be. People still seem to be having a lovely time despite the weather.... and we have had a few damp campers coming in to dry out with a warm cuppa.

Those of you who regularly walk in the Castle Drogo and Fingle woods will have noticed a fair bit of activity recently. This is connected to our work with the Lottery funded River Teign Restoration Project where we are trying to create quiet spaces for the fish at the same time as improving access to the river for people (and their dogs) in other areas. We will monitor the impact of this work on the riverbank and the species in the river.

Tree felling is underway in Cod Wood along the riverside path between Clifford Bridge and Steps Bridge. There is some Larch which is under a statutory plant health notice (Phytophera disease) which has to be removed. This work will be completed by the end of September and the riverside path will be closed during this time with an alternative route through Dunsford Nature Reserve on the other side of the river.

Once the felling in Cod Wood has been completed, the contractor will move on to thinning a block of Douglas Fir between Fingle Bridge and the Iron Bridge on the south of the river. There will be a path closure on the river path (Forester's Path) for roughly six weeks. During this time, walkers will be encouraged to use Fisherman's Path if walking or the lower Deer Stalker's Path if cycling or horse riding. The riverside path from Fingle Bridge towards Clifford Bridge is an alternative accessible route during this time.

Finally, just a quick reminder that we have a series of free entry days coming up in September as part of Heritage Open Days. The Hydro Turbine House at Drogo will be open on Sunday 10th September and Castle Drogo will have free entry on Thursday 14th September. Lydford is open for free on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September and Finch Foundry on Sunday 17th September.

#### Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor 07826 945107, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

#### <u>St. James' Bondleigh - Myths & Legends Trail & Cream Tea -</u> <u>Saturday, 9th September from 11 a.m.</u>

In aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust (50% of funds raised are returned to St. James' Church).

Starting from St James' Church, come along and enjoy a stroll whilst spotting some unusual features along the way!

The route will pass through fields so we would advise appropriate footwear and dogs (on leads please) are most welcome to join in the fun. Cream teas will be available on your return to St. James' Church.

Cream teas available from 12.00 noon until 4.00 p.m. even if you are not walking, we welcome you to meet with friends and enjoy a cream tea.

Adults £5.00, children (primary school age or younger) free. For more information, please phone Caroline & Graham 82240 or Danny & Jane 82319





#### News From North Tawton Community Primary School



#### The Ted Hughes Centre for Outdoor Learning

We are very excited to officially open our Ted Hughes Centre for Outdoor Learning here at North Tawton Primary School.

Ted Hughes was a very famous poet, translator and writer who lived right here in North Tawton! His literary works include poems for children and the science fiction novels The Iron Man and The Iron Woman, which are firm favourites on our bookshelves. He often visited our school and read his books and poems to the children, many of our local families will remember him fondly.

Mrs. Hughes has continued to support our school, she comes to our fairs, is always warmly welcomed to see our plays and has been a judge for art competitions. She has also rolled up her sleeves and helped us with gardening. We are delighted that she has kindly donated this wonderful outdoor learning centre to us.

We have fantastic outdoor spaces here at the school, including a large playing field, orchard, and a forest area. As I have written about before in Roundabout, we value spending time outside and staff find ways to maximise outdoor learning opportunities in our curriculum. However, the weather is not always on our side! While the rain brings us beautiful North Devon scenery, it also makes children and their written work soggy! We now have a wonderful space to gather outside in the rain!

At our official grand opening, Mrs. Hughes told us that her husband loved to be outside, many of his poems are about animals and the natural world. When the weather was wet, he liked to sit in a shed and look out at the world for inspiration for his writing. She encouraged us to be out in all weathers and to notice the differences in the seasons and how this affects the natural world around us.

In our first assembly at the new outdoor learning centre, I read the children one of my favourite Ted Hughes poems The Thought Fox and asked them to think about the words. They understood the poem was not only about a fox, but also about the creative process of writing. They spoke about the fox walking on the snow being a metaphor for writing on a page and that sometimes when you are trying to write, it feels like night time in your imagination. They also spoke fondly of foxes, even though they have a 'sharp hot stink!' We wondered if we kept very quiet and still, we might see a fox from our outdoor learning centre...

We are very grateful to Mrs Hughes for her kindness and generosity. The Ted Hughes Outdoor Learning Centre is going to be well used and loved for many years to come. We will utilise the centre for quiet reflection, writing, reading, observation, gathering for discussions, and of course a shelter from the rain! Who knows, maybe this space will inspire a future Poet Laureate!

On behalf of the staff and children at North Tawton Primary, thank you Mrs Hughes!

Tara Penny, Principal.



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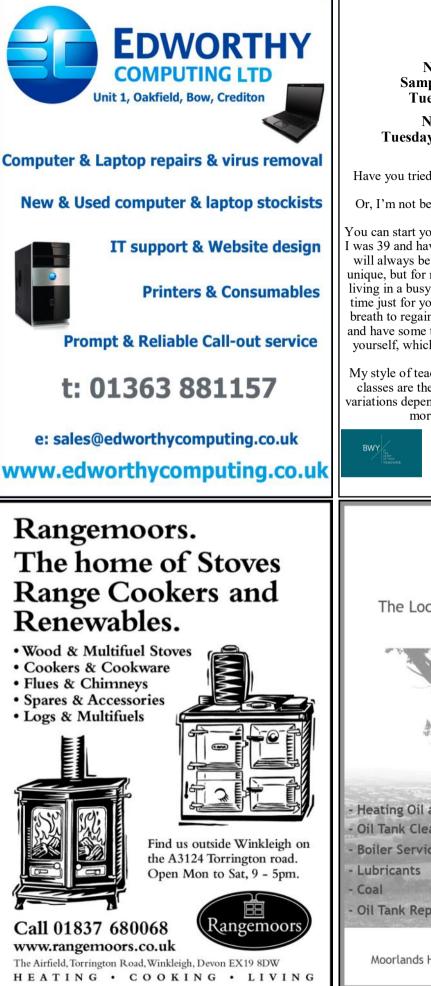
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Sarah's Yoga

New Yoga class coming to Sampford CourtenayVillage Hall Tuesday evenings 6 - 7.30 p.m.

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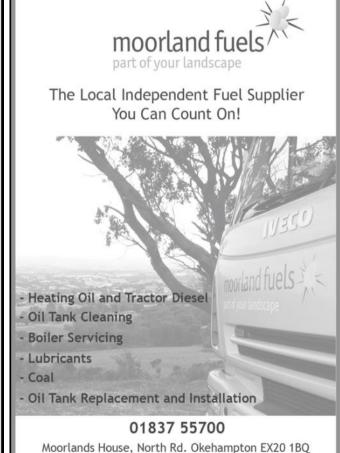
Have you tried yoga before and thought oh that's not for me?

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My style of teaching has been described as varied (no two classes are the same), adaptable (suits everyone, lots of variations depending on abilities) and most of all fun (takes more muscles to smile than frown).

For more information or to book a place, please contact me onsarah@sarahsyoga.co.uk 01837 849110 / 07592 377028



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#### THE ART BOX - July 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

Ruth Smith Gallery

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August saw a kind of first birthday for Red Mud Arts, with its fourth gathering. About 60 of us ambled up to Taw Valley Brewery for a

sunny afternoon filled with live music, top-notch beer and an opportunity to skill-swap and bounce around ideas for future events. There was a pleasant symmetry with our first gathering, hosted at The Old Rectory about a year ago, where there were boards, pens, and paper, for people to suggest needs and ideas for what we could all help get off the ground. It was nice to reflect on what suggestions have been set in motion by those attending North Tawtonians over the last year: open mic nights, regular meet-ups for visual artists, spoken word evenings, youth arts events, folk nights, a dark room, cinema club... This time, everything felt bigger by about double, and it is exciting to see momentum building! Suggestions on this year's (much bigger) boards saw more specific professional help needed and offered, and more ambitious ideas suggested (was that a 'Mid-Devon Minack' I saw?) There will always be more ideas than actually happen, but together we can definitely see more of them come to fruition, so let's get together and do something really cool in North Tawton! Who knows what could happen? Let's change the world!

If you would like to be involved in the exciting creative happenings buzzing around North Tawton and Red Mud, then please do get in touch and ask to be put on our mailing list to be kept in the loop.

Here's to whatever's next!

Ruth

(North Tawton artist, do-er of Ruth Smith Gallery and co-do-er of Red Mud Arts) www.ruthhelensmith.co.uk

#### SAMPFORD COURTENAY & HONEYCHUCH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

This year's Flower Show took place on Saturday 12th August 2 p.m. at the Village Hall.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who played a part in making this a very successful and enjoyable community event.

We could not have done it without those of you who entered your exhibits: our Guest Judges for giving their time so freely to come and choose the winners: the Village Hall for serving lunches and refreshments: those who donated cakes for the Refreshments: Nicky & Malcolm and June for organising the raffle and those of you who donated prizes: Joe for bringing his trailer for the potato weigh in, (even after working all night): Mike our fantastic auctioneer: Christine Marsh our loyal supporter for presenting the trophies: the band of helpers who set up and cleared the hall and helped with the scoring and finally everyone else who just came along and supported.

A BIG THANK YOU - £583.03 was raised for the Village Hall Funds.

A list of all the Trophy Winners and the Potato Bucket Weights can be viewed or downloaded here https:// www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/flower-vegetable...



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.  $9^{\text{th}}$  September – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and  $14^{\text{th}}$  October – 10a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Community Centre, Barton Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HN. For more information go to https://fb.me/NTRepairCafe

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#### News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council



Full minutes can be viewed on our website <u>www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk</u> where any useful links are live. Plus check out our new <u>FACEBOOK</u> Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

## SCPC held their meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug with 6 Councillors, and 13 members of the public present.

**Resignation** - It was with deep regret that Marion Pratt felt it necessary to resign as Clerk of the Parish Council after 13 years of service to the community, having been the rock upon which everyone has relied. Members of the community present spoke strongly about their feelings at the reasons given for her resignation.

Japanese Knot weed - The council agreed to try and treat a patch in the parish as directed by Highways.

Salt bin at Frankland Hill - The council agreed to fund at the location of parish blackspot.

**Prayer Book Rebellion** – Next meeting 8th Aug. Cllr. Mcllwraith confirmed that Cider VAT were happy to host Cider Event for PBR to be agreed.

**Sampford Courtenay Station** – Okerail will actively support the possibility of trains stopping at Sampford Station. This will involve a trial day to evaluate any impact on the timetable.

**Telephone contacts for the Defibrillator** – SCPC has been advised by Southwest Ambulance that it is not a normal practice to list telephone numbers of parishioners who may volunteer to take the Defibrillator to other parts of the parish. (It is unlikely that anyone could guarantee to be at home).

**Vacancy** - SCPC wished to express their thanks to Martin Morrissey for his work and commitment during his time on the parish council. Statutory Notices were duly posted. The Principle Election Officer has informed the Council that the statutory number of requests for an election has been received from parishioners, therefore, a stand alone poll will be held on Thursday 21st September 2023 for the current Sampford Courtenay Parish Councillor vacancy, with full costs being charged to the Parish. If the election is contested, poll cards will be sent to notify all the eligible electorate of the date and other appropriate information.

**Google Calendar now live on the Website page**. <u>https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/events-</u> <u>calendar</u> - local groups are asked to refer to this calendar and let us know of any events they are planning so that it can be added to the calendar to try and prevent clashing of events.

**Emergency Numbers & Contact Details –** are now available in a handy Parish Directory which can be downloaded from the Website <u>https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/information-leaflets-links</u>

<u>SEAMOOR LOTTO</u> – 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 <a href="https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council">https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council</a>

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 <u>cllr.wilson.scpc@gmail.com</u> if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting. Next meeting Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm Village Hall.

## HORRIBLE HISTORIES



Sampford Courtenay Prayer Book Rebellion Horrible Histories Event

As part of the 475th Prayer Book Rebellion Anniversary Events

We are holding a free "Horrible History" Storytelling Workshop for Young People at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall on Monday 23rd October.

Led by Storyteller Michael Dacre the Workshop will explore the events that took place in and around Sampford Courtenay in 1549.

Suitable for age 7+ (accompanying adults preferred) The sessions will take place between 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00 To book your place please go to <u>https://forms.gle/K81GBZpBT5RVM7of6</u> or contact <u>marion174@btinternet.com</u> or <u>davidbottingpage@hotmail.com</u>





Sampford Courtenay Apple Festival 30th September 2023

## The Cider Vat

are going to create a special Sampford Courtenay cider for the Prayerbook Rebellion Events in 2024

but we need your help please If you have any apple trees and can spare bags or boxes of apples to create the local cider

we need as many apples as possible any variety The apples should be clean and free from rot and be at least 2" in diameter (windfalls are fine)

If you are able to help please drop off your spare apples between Monday 25th and Saturday 30th September 2023 at the Cider Vat Solland Farm EX20 3QT

> or contact <u>clr.wilson.scpc@qmail.com</u> to make arrangements for collection

Full event details of the Apple Festival coming soon



#### Little Seedlings Playgroup

North Tawton Primary School Hall Every Tuesday during term-time 9 - 11 a.m. For babies & toddlers 0 - 4 yrs Admission £2 per family payable at the door



#### <u>Sampford Courtenay Flower Club</u> Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

11th September Lesley from 'Heart of Flowers' Florist demonstration.

Saturday 16th September New to You Sale and Jumble Sale 10a.m.

For more information contact the Chairman, Nancy Passmore on 01837 54849

#### Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

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

The website is managed by **Julie Carpenter** who can be contacted on juliec2911@hotmail.co.uk or admin@sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk or by phone:

#### NORTH STREET CHAPEL SEWING CLUB

(also knitting, crochet, cross stitch etc.)

For further information contact Charlotte Sampson 07706 942901 or <u>charlotte.sampson22@gmail.com</u>

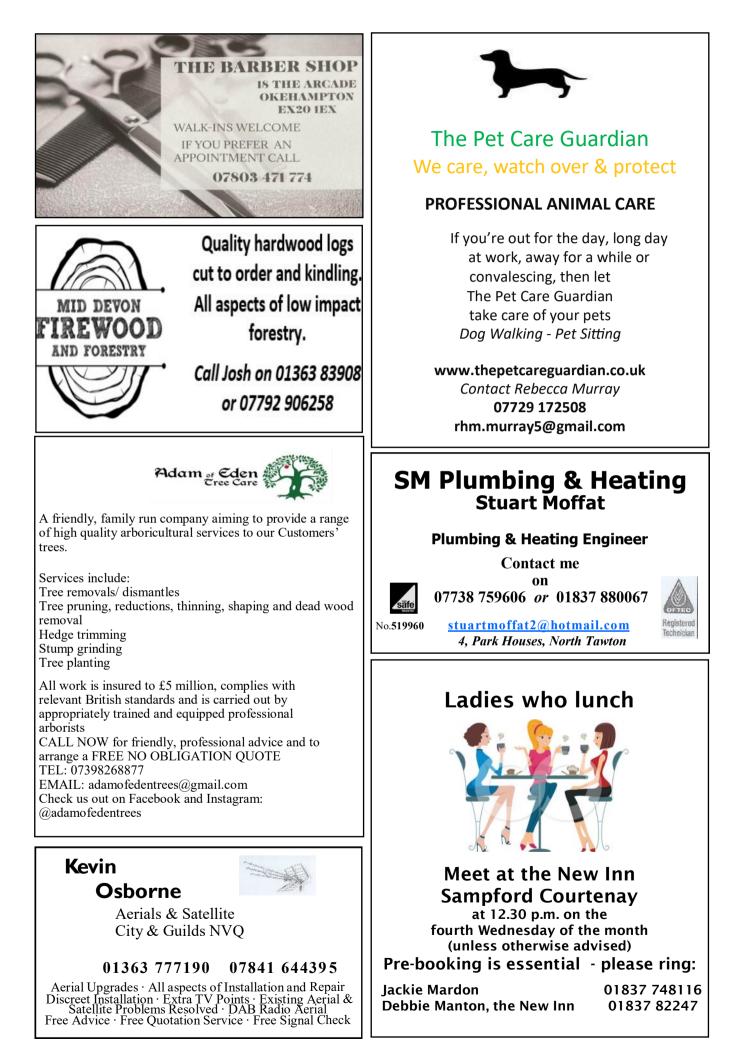
No meeting in September

#### SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES:-**

	PILATES	Monday 9.30 to 10.30 a.m.	
	DOG TRAINING	Monday 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	
	YOGA CLASSES	Tuesday 6 to 7.30 p.m.	
	TAP DANCING	Thursday 11 a.m. to 12 noon	
	TABLE TENNIS	Weekly—for details ring 01837 851659	
	FLOWER CLUB	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month 2.30 p.m.	
	CRAFT & CHAT e	$2^{nd} \& 4^{th}$ Thursday of every month 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.	
	OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-		
1	Saturday 9th Sept	Barn Dance with supper $7 \text{ m}$ m start	
	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start Curry night 7.00 p.m.	
		Film matinee ady 2 p.m. for 2.30 start lude afternoon tea in interval.	
	The Community lunch will return in October, date to follow in next edition of Roundabout.		

Please see separate adverts or visit the parish website/facebook for more details on all of these events www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk





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SEPTEMBER SERVICES at St. Peter's Church	SEPTEMBER SERVICES at St. Andrew's Church
North Tawton	Sampford Courtenay
	3rd September 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship
3rd September 11 a.m. Morning Worship	10th September 9.30 a.m. Communion
10th September 11 a.m. Informal Communion	17th September 6.00 p.m. Evensong
17th September 11 a.m. Family Service	24th September 9.30 a.m. Communion
24th September 11 a.m. Traditional Communion	29th September 6 p.m. Harvest Festival
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	North Street Chapel Contact: Mr. R. Sampson 07835 033062
SEPTEMBER SERVICES at St. Mary's Church	11 a.m.     Evening       1 <sup>st</sup> Surviva Surviva surviva     Na Surviva surviva
Honeychurch	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday     Special service     No Service unless advertised otherwise       2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday     Descent %     No Service unless advertised otherwise
3rd Sept 3.00 p.m. Evensong / Communion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday     Prayer & No Service unless       Communion     advertised otherwise
ORTHODOX CHURCH	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday No service 3 p.m. Tea and Praise
Devon Parish of Holy Prophet Elias	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11 a.m. Morning No service Service
For details of services contact	5th SundayPrayer & CommunionNo service unless advertised otherwise
Celia or Martin Olsson (82796)	



#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Funeral

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Cedric MILTON(87)

St. Peter's North Tawton

#### NORTH STREET CHAPEL

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#### Be Still

A short informal monthly service of themed prayers, reflections & readings and creating space to dwell in the presence of God

> St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay Fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m.

> > The next date is: Thursday September 28th 2023

#### POLICE NON EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER 101

Devon Sensory Outreach Service NORTH TAWTON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE Free, confidential and impartial service for people with hearing and or/visual impairment provided by the Sensory

Team, Devon County Council. Available on the third Thursday of each month in North Tawton Youth and Community Centre, Barton Street. 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.



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

It is accessible there during the day.



# **CURRY NIGHT**

is back again at... <u>Sampford</u> Courtenay Village Hall Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7p.m.



Choice of curry, plus rice, poppadom & mango chutney £10.00

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# Barn dance

### Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

#### Saturday 9th September 7pm for a 7.30pm start Tickets £15

#### Sausage supper included

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#### Sampford Courtenay

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September October

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#### North Tawton

Flowers

Sept 3rd / 10th Sept 17th / 24th Oct 1st

Margaret Arscott Joan Nicolls Celia Boughton / Jo Fear / Vicky Harvest Festival

Oct 8th /15th/22nd

Brass

September October Margaret Arscott Joan Nicolls

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North Tawton Residents. Would anyone be interested in joining the rota to do church flowers? We are always interested in having new arrangers and you do not need to have experience in flower arranging. If you would like to go on the rota please phone Sue Gray 01837 82464

#### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

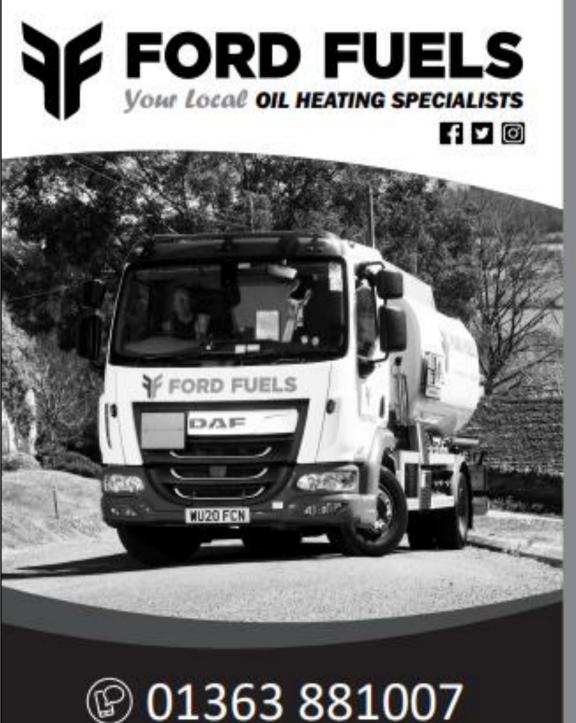
#### Fall leaves fall

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away; Lengthen night and shorten day; Every leaf speaks bliss to me Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow Blossom where the rose should grow; I shall sing when night's decay Ushers in a drearier day

Emily Brontë





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