

# ROUNDAABOUT

North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Honeychurch - and beyond!



**March 2024**  
**HAPPY EASTER**



**C. J. Steer & Sons Ltd**  
**Funeral Directors**  
 Est 1969

24 hour Service  
 All Facilities

Homefield, Station Road, Bow

Tel: **01363 82414** Mobile: **07785 540248**



**Local Homebred,  
 Grass Fed Beef & Hogget**  
 Available as either Mixed Boxes  
 or Individual Cuts

[www.acorn-farms.co.uk](http://www.acorn-farms.co.uk) | 07795 251505  
[acorn.farms@outlook.com](mailto:acorn.farms@outlook.com)



Wall & Floor Tiling Under Tile Heating  
 Waterproof Tanking Free Quotations

Tel **01837 52013** Mob **07729 460746**

**Weirford House**

in picturesque Sampford Courtenay

Well equipped Garden Barn for self-catering  
 or bed and breakfast

Avril Flanagan - 01837 89132

5\* ratings on Google. See our website for details

[www.weirfordhouse.co.uk](http://www.weirfordhouse.co.uk) [avril@weirfordhouse.co.uk](mailto:avril@weirfordhouse.co.uk)

**FORE STREET GARAGE**

( Proprietor: Kevin Hodge)  
 Fore Street, North Tawton

Tel: **01837 82006**

**M.O.T. TESTING STATION**

Servicing and Repairs to all makes and models  
 Competitive Rates Fully Qualified Mechanic

**GoodGarageScheme.com**  
 ( Registered Member )

**The Okehampton Handyman  
 Simon Wright**  
 Household and Garden Maintenance  
 Painting and Decorating, Carpentry,  
 Household repairs, Garden  
 Maintenance also Furniture Repair  
 and Polishing.

**Mobile - 07866795914  
 Home - 0183789171**  
[Simon109Wright@googlemail.com](mailto:Simon109Wright@googlemail.com)



**Ashridge Court Farm**

**Dried Hardwood Logs**

Free Local Delivery

**Grass-fed Beef**

Fabulous grass-fed beef from your local supplier

Mixed boxes from just £10 per kg

Contact Carolyn on 07872 598659

Ashridge Court Farm, EX20 2DH [www.ashridge-court.co.uk](http://www.ashridge-court.co.uk)



**Ashridge Great Barn**

Follow us for more details of  
 events in 2024 including

**Saturday 4 May - Bluebell Woods - guided walk**

**Saturday 22 June - Ashridge Wood Fair**

(Contact us if you're interested in having a stall)

Ashridge Court Farm, EX20 2DH [www.ashridgegreatbarn.co.uk](http://www.ashridgegreatbarn.co.uk)  
[info@ashridge-court.co.uk](mailto:info@ashridge-court.co.uk) 01837 352025



**NICHOLS NYMET HOUSE**

MANOR HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST  
 & SELF CATERING COTTAGES

[www.devonbedandbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.devonbedandbreakfast.co.uk)

email [mandpgoodman@outlook.com](mailto:mandpgoodman@outlook.com)

Tel 01837 82626

**For all your accommodation requirements –  
 When family and friends come to stay use us as guest rooms.**

Peaceful location 1.5 miles from North Tawton

**WITH WONDERFUL VIEWS**

**We offer three large bedrooms all with  
 en-suite bathrooms including a family suite  
 for up to 5.**

**Full English Breakfast using finest produce.**

**Rates from £45 per person per night –**

**Children half price.**

**Also we can offer Self Catering Cottages available on a  
 weekly basis.**

Please see our Trip advisor reviews and Facebook pages.

## From The Rectory

Munching on some Mini Eggs (my favourite Easter chocolate snack), my mind was taken back a couple of years to Boxing Day. We'd run out of milk and so I went round the corner to our local Co-op. I wasn't sure if it would even be open – and much to the delight of our milk-less household it was. There weren't many customers and so the staff were re-stocking the shelves after the Christmas rush. And I was very surprised to see them filling the shelves with Easter eggs! This year it feels very early to be writing about Easter (mid-February) – it barely feels like I've recovered from Christmas. But Easter falls this year in March (just!). It is the festival in the Christian year where we celebrate new life. And by late-March as spring begins, we will see it all around us. The hedgerows and gardens will be full of spring flowers, taking over from the barren soils of winter. Animals will be more active. Farmers will be sowing, lambing, and calving. Spring is a season when we can all rejoice and be grateful for the gift of life and its continual renewal. But the renewal of the spring season in the natural world points us to the spiritual renewal of Easter. For Christians Easter is the celebration of the new life found in Jesus. On the first Easter Sunday, three days after he died, Jesus returned to life. His grave was empty; he was seen by over 500 people.

But this was much more than returning to life, it was human life as never seen before – a new quality, a new depth, and a life that was imperishable. We call it resurrection. And this resurrection life is something which Jesus offers us too. Those who follow Jesus have found a new quality of life now – lived in communion with God, free of shame and guilt, with God's peace, joy and love. And with a promise of new physical life after death too – just like Jesus'. The difference is meant to be as stark as the change from the frosty, frozen, bare winter hedgerows to the beautiful riot of colour, warmth and light of the hedgerow on a sunny spring day. So, this Easter as you munch your Easter eggs or see another Easter bunny – why not rejoice in the new spring life they symbolise but also search out and find the new spiritual life that is found through Jesus.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

David Spence


### Find out more about Jesus on Alpha



This Lent we are inviting people to join us for **"Alpha"**, a course that creates a space where people can join together to have a conversation about faith, life and God. **There will be six sessions on Tuesday evenings (20<sup>th</sup> Feb-26<sup>th</sup> Mar)** plus a day away. We will share a meal, watch a video, and have times for discussion. There is no cost.

**For more information or to register contact David on 01837 89243 or [revdspence@gmail.com](mailto:revdspence@gmail.com)**

### LITTLE FISHES

 Toddler Group 

**Every Thursday** (inc. school holidays)

**9am-11am @ St Peter's Church**

Little Fishes is our weekly toddler group for parents and children aged 0-4 and is held in St Peter's Church, North Tawton.

We are a growing group from in and around the town and aim to provide a FREE space which is fun and safe for children and supportive for parents.



For more info, please contact Wez Cutler on: 07540127827 or [wesleycutler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wesleycutler@hotmail.co.uk)



**Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. –12 noon  
in the Mortimer Room  
St. Peter's Church  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month**

**Mar 12th & 26th**

**For more information contact  
Jo Fear 01837 82553**



# Bloggs Garage

In business since 1948

The Barton, North Tawton, EX20 2BB

Tel: 01837 82077

info@bloggsgarage.biz

**service and repairs, Air con Re-gas**  
**Modern diagnostic kit in use**

We supply and fit Tow Bars, Tyres, Bulbs,  
Exhausts, Clutches, Oil, Brake components,  
Cam belts and batteries etc.

4-wheel laser alignment service

**Courtesy vehicles available**

**Class 4 MOTs**



Opening hours;  
**8.30-17.30 Mon-Fri,**  
**08.30 - 12.30 Sat.**

# Bow Garden & Aquatic Centre

Spring your  
Garden into  
Life with Devon  
grown plants...

**New!**

Enjoy our all  
weather  
plant area!

**LOVELY MOTHERS DAY GIFTS TOO!**

Waterside café

Award-winning Café  
with delicious  
homemade food

Open Mon - Sat 9-5:30pm Sunday 10-4:30pm  
01363 82438 [www.bowgardencentre.co.uk](http://www.bowgardencentre.co.uk)  
EX17 6LA



**ENERGY SYSTEMS** Est. 1984  
(SW LTD)  
**OIL & GAS FIRED HEATING SPECIALISTS**



[info@energysystems-sw.co.uk](mailto:info@energysystems-sw.co.uk)  
[www.energysystems-sw.co.uk](http://www.energysystems-sw.co.uk)

**OIL & GAS FIRED HEATING SPECIALISTS**  
BOILER AND SYSTEM MAINTENANCE  
AGA & RAYBURN SERVICE ENGINEERS  
OIL STORAGE TANKS & HEATING CONTROLS

**TEL: (01392) 860558**



**ASHMAN HANDYMAN**

[ashmanhandyman@icloud.com](mailto:ashmanhandyman@icloud.com)

**07710 642 441**

**WHY STRUGGLE**  
**NO JOB TOO SMALL**

- A second pair of hands (How often do we say "I need another pair of hands")
- Decorating indoors or outdoors (But not cakes)
- Oven cleaning (Yes I will charge Jo)
- Flatpack furniture collection and/or assembly (I actually enjoy this)
- Window cleaning inside or outside (Outside 1st and 2nd floors I hate ladders)
- Item collection/delivery (A van is available along with a trailer if necessary)
- Word processing (Typing up notes or help designing/using software)
- Lawn mowing, hedge trimming & general garden maintenance

**ASHMAN HANDYMAN**

All jobs within a 20 minute drive of North Tawton considered.

very reasonable rates charged on an hourly basis





North Tawton Community Land Trust is up and running. The Founding Board is meeting regularly

to establish its good governance and to look for sites that might be developed with a Housing Association to provide socially rented homes for local people.

Come along to a **Public Meeting on Thursday 18 April** in the Town Hall when you can find out more and become a member.

You can find out more about Community Land Trusts at <https://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/>

and we have a Facebook page at



North Tawton community land trust

## Roundabout

is published for the community on behalf of the four parish churches of North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, Boodleigh and Honeychurch.

Opinions expressed by contributors are their own and are not necessarily endorsed by the Church, by the PCC, by members of the four churches, or by the Editors.

Contributions should be sent to Hilary and Richard Edwards, Shellsley, Exeter Street, North Tawton, EX20 2BZ (tel. 01837 82376)

E mail: [nt.roundabout@gmail.com](mailto:nt.roundabout@gmail.com) no later than noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication is required (and earlier, if possible)

New advertisers are always welcome. Advertisements can be arranged for shorter periods than one year or for single editions.

Visit Roundabout on its own website: [www.northtawtonroundabout.com](http://www.northtawtonroundabout.com) (There are also links online via the websites of the North Tawton Town Council and the Sampford Courtenay Village Council).

## DON'T FORGET

**British Summer time begins at 2 a.m. on 31st March, Easter Sunday. Put your clocks on one hour**

## BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 25th March

The History of Zeal Monachorum Village School  
by Erica Eden  
7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

Bow Village Hall EX17 6HU

Annual Membership £15 free to people under 18  
Visitors welcome £4.  
Tea/coffee biscuits included.  
Enquiries 01363 82468

A Red Carpet viewing of a documentary about one of Devon's talented musicians

Roger Cleverdon  
**My Life in Music**

I was only trying to earn a living !

**PREMIERE FILM NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 12th APRIL**  
Doors open 7pm film starts 7.30pm  
**Sampford Courtenay Village Hall**  
Refreshments available & Q/A session with Roger  
£5 (limited numbers so booking essential)  
Phone: 07811 324154 or rory.robinson1@btinternet.com  
Dress: Formal or casual

Proceeds to Children's Hospice South West

## TONY DAY

### Heating and Plumbing



Main and LPG Gas  
Gas Safe Registered

Reg No 191548

**01837 83702      07773 966201**

### Older Property Building Surveys

- Thatched or slate properties built of Cob or Stone.
- Custom Thatched Roof Surveys.
- Weekend "Hands on" Thatching Courses.

### **Master Thatcher and Residential Property Surveyor**

[www.thatchedhomeinspector.co.uk](http://www.thatchedhomeinspector.co.uk)

Ring Charles on 01647 231 706 or 07771512670  
Holland Park Farm, South Tawton,  
Okehampton. EX20 2PP



### Middletown Farmhouse B&B

Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton  
Devon EX20 2SZ

01837 880300/07591 529548

**Kevin & Nicky Courage**

*Proprietors*

[middletownfarmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:middletownfarmhouse@gmail.com)  
[www.middletownfarmhousebandb.co.uk](http://www.middletownfarmhousebandb.co.uk)

## BROADBURY LANDCARE

All aspects of Garden Maintenance  
and Landscaping

Andrew Barton **07532 216216**

Fully Qualified      Fully Insured  
Free Estimates

**Deborah Taylor**  
Registered Childminder



Churchward  
Sampford Courtenay  
**01837 82743**

## KEVIN RICE

### FULLY QUALIFIED BUILDER & DECORATOR

With 40 years experience in and around  
North Tawton.

All aspects of building work from small repairs to  
new builds undertaken by a local tradesman who  
cares about quality and personal service.

Contact Kevin

Mobile: **07749 674357**

## Angels Hair Salon

Hair in the Square · **01837 82430**

Modern Unisex Hair Salon

- Official Suppliers of Tigi Hair products
- Modern salon with the most up to date equipment
- Free to join Reward Scheme
- Cosmetics for sale at below high street prices
- Exclusive salon hire available for private functions

Tuesdays - Wednesdays - Thursdays - Fridays  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Saturdays

**Phone for Appointment**

11 The Square, North Tawton, EX20 2JD



**Tel: 82815**

Car Servicing • MOTs and General Repairs  
Diagnostics • Code resetting  
Tyre fitting and repair • Wheel Alignment

### Hearn Haulage Ltd

Septic Tanks Emptied

(Small lorry available)

Phone: 01805 601203

Mobile: 07831241531

Email: [hearnhaulageltd@outlook.com](mailto:hearnhaulageltd@outlook.com)





# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk: Melanie Bickell

14A The Square  
North Tawton  
EX20 2EP

Tel: 01837 880121

e-mail: [townclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## By-Election

Congratulations to Jennifer Palfrey on being elected to the Town Council and thank you to our other 3 candidates, Noah Smith, Sarah McKnight and Syd Weedon and thank you to everyone who voted.

## Annual Town Assembly Meeting

The Town council will hold their annual public assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7pm in the Town Hall. Refreshments will be served by your Councillors commencing 6.30 p.m..

## Town Crier

The Town Council will be holding a competition to select a new town crier. Further details to follow.

## Town Flag

The Town council will be holding a competition to design a town flag. Further details to follow.

## Christmas Trees for the Town Centre

The Town Council will be considering options and a joint enterprise with local businesses on how to provide trees/ decorations going forward which would satisfy the Councils insurers.

## Clock Tower

Work to the masonry is underway and once completed we look forward to the canopy being reinstated. The bench seats have been taken away for routine maintenance.

## Lych Gate

The listing for the Lych gate contained some inaccuracies which have been amended by Historical England. The work to the Lych Gate has now been completed in accordance with the detailed scheme of works approved by the Conservation Officer and Church Faculty and West Devon BC have confirmed they are wholly satisfied with the works despite receiving a complaint.

## Public Meeting – Parking provision and electric vehicle charging

The meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January was well attended and the Council are looking at all options discussed and suggested by the public. The 'notes' of the meeting are available on the Town Council website, or a copy can be requested from the Town Clerk.

## 2024/25 Budget

The Council is happy to report it has agreed a budget of £165,811. This represents a decrease of £8,466 on 2023-24 which is a reduction 4.6% and a precept of £146,812, meaning the band D parish rate will be £203.23 which is a 0.01% DECREASE on 2023-24.

## Warm Space and Community Fridge/Larder/Freezer

Thanks to grant funding from WDBC, the Town Council can continue to fund the warm space initiatives and Jens Café and Merry Go Round. The Community fridge has been expanded to include a freezer and food items donated by residents are now available from the community fridge. This initiative is to help residents who are struggling to keep warm and need a warm space and a cuppa, to get a cheap hot meal, or to help themselves to food items which have been donated.

## Council Meeting.

Our next council meetings will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March full council. The Council offers an open forum between 7.15 and 7.30, and 8-days' notice is required to the Clerk if you wish to speak to the Council at the open forum. If you wish to make a presentation or raise any issue with the council for a response at the following month's meeting, please contact the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting.

Public period during the meeting - members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend **in respect of the business on the agenda only**. Please quote agenda item number where applicable. Time is limited to 2 minutes per person. In accordance with standing order 3(f), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

*Melanie Bickell, Town Clerk*

# PETER | PETER & WRIGHT SOLICITORS



## SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDE:

Conveyancing & Other Property Transfers  
Court of Protection . Divorce, Family & Relationship  
Matters . Employment . Landlord & Tenant  
Lasting Powers of Attorney . Litigation  
Personal Injury . Probate & Estate Administration  
Trusts . Wills & Inheritance Tax Planning

## SERVICES FOR BUSINESS INCLUDE:

Agricultural Matters . Business Contracts  
Business Property Transactions  
Corporate and Commercial  
Employment . Landlord & Tenant . Litigation

*For experienced,  
local advice you can trust*  
T. 01837 52379  
[www.peterslaw.co.uk](http://www.peterslaw.co.uk)

**1 West Street, Okehampton**



# Okehampton Glass Ltd

## WINDOWS-DOORS-CONSERVATORIES-JOINERY

(Covering the whole of Devon)

HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS BACKED UP BY OVER 25 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE HELPING CUSTOMERS TO IMPROVE THEIR  
HOMES

**Why not give them a call to see what they can do for you  
and your property.....**

01837 54019 or [enquiries@okehamptonglass.com](mailto:enquiries@okehamptonglass.com)

[www.okehamptonglass.com](http://www.okehamptonglass.com)



## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

I knew it would come in handy one day. Tis funny, the ‘useless information’ that you carry around in the deepest recesses of your brain – just waiting for the right quiz question. If only there were more answers to the History/Geography/Literature questions locked away in my grey cells but sadly no. So, when we were given a list of names and asked which boy band they belonged to, I knew straight away. Boyzone. No – it’s not Westlife, it’s not Take That, it’s Boyzone. I wasn’t even a fan. Of any of them. But the names of the Boyzone boys had seeped into the farthest depths of the ol’ grey matter and had stayed there. Just waiting for the right moment. I’d like to say that the answer ‘Boyzone’ was the one that helped us win our heat of the Devon Federation Quiz, but it wasn’t. My team mates had obviously been paying more attention than me during the History/Geography/Literature bits at school and produced enough right answers for us to win by a few points. Happy with that. I’m hoping that my extensive knowledge of random, useless facts and information will come in handy in the final. I’m secretly hoping they’ll ask for the names of the Bay City Roller boys. What are the chances?

Our February meeting is ‘Resolution’ time. National Federation asks us to vote for a resolution from a selection that have been put forward by individual W.I.’s. This year we had four to choose from. ‘Dental health matters’, ‘Impacts of poor housing conditions’, ‘Say no to gambling advertising’, and ‘Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system’. All very worthy causes. Each resolution was presented by one of our members followed by questions and discussions. Discussions were fuelled by home made cake. I often wonder if MP’s [when discussing matters in the Commons] have a crafty piece of lemon drizzle or coffee and walnut cake hidden just out of sight of the cameras. It must be easier to smuggle in a generously cut slice of Victoria sponge if you’re sitting on the back benches. Not so easy if you’re on the front benches sitting next to Rishi or Sir Keir. I can just imagine the Speaker reaching, furtively, under his chair for his secretly stashed slab of fruit cake.

Once enough cake had been consumed it was time to vote. ‘Dental health matters’ won the most votes from us and the result will be forwarded to National – the overall winning resolution will then become a major campaign for W.I.

Our Birthday Lunch is fast approaching. We’re going to be 95. I know – we don’t look a day over 55, do we? So, we’re off to the Waie Inn to celebrate. A jolly good meal, some entertainment and a special birthday cake. Perfect. Just wondering what we might do to celebrate our centenary – we’ve only got five years to prepare – it ought to be something that is worthy of a mention on the local news and the front page of the Okie Times. Husband has just said ‘why don’t you do a ‘special’ calendar?’ I’m assuming he’s referring to the ‘special calendar’ that was turned into a film back in 2003. The one where they needed ‘considerably bigger buns.’

He’s got me thinking.

Sue Knott

### QUAKERS

Ockment Centre,  
North Street,  
Okehampton  
EX20 1AR  
Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

*All visitors welcome*

### North Street Chapel

#### Coffee and Chat

2nd Wednesday monthly

Next meetings 13th March

10-11.30 a.m.



If you would like to talk to one of the team,  
please contact:

#### North Tawton

Rhona & Ken Bragg 01837 82343  
Jackie Tye 01837 880479

#### Sampford Courtenay/Honeychurch

Rory Robinson 07811 324154  
Lynn Robinson 07966477465

#### Bondleigh

Danny Semorad 01837 82319



# Ware Builders & Contractors Ltd

**Tel: 01837 89139**

**ware.builders@yahoo.co.uk**

EST 1963

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS

**New Builds Extensions**

**Complete House Renovations**

**1 Week Cottages, North Tawton, Devon EX20 2AB**



- Sewage Treatment Plants
- Drainage Fields / Soakaways
- Septic Tank Surveys
- CCTV Drainage Surveys
- High Pressure Drain Jetting
- Drain Lining & Robotic Cutting
- Emergency Drain Response
- Exciting career opportunities

## Tank Emptying Services

**Sewage Treatment Plants, Septic Tanks, Cesspits, Grease Traps, Oil Interceptors etc. all emptied.**



**\*\*We offer reduced rates for you and your neighbour's when you have your tanks emptied at the same time\*\***



**01392 57 66 66**

**www.smart-drainage.co.uk**

**enquiries@smart-drainage.co.uk**



**www.mbcaccountants.co.uk**

01837  
55482

**MBC  
accountants**  
....



**Your Local Business Specialists**

**Call us now for your 1 hour FREE consultation**

**North Park**  
Veterinary Group Limited



Dedicated teams of farm and companion animal vets.

North Tawton 01837 82327

Okehampton 01837 658777

Hatherleigh 01837 810455

**www.northparkvets.co.uk**

**Farm:** Emergency, routine, herd health, small holders.

**Pets:** Vaccinations, neutering, nurse clinics, x-ray and operation facilities in all surgeries.



**FOR BREEDING – FOR SPORT – FOR LIFE**

**Providing your horse with a friendly, practical and caring service.**

**64 Fore Street – North Tawton – Devon – EX202DT**

**01837 214004**



**M C Poole Contractors**

**Digger hire with driver**

**Most work undertaken. General drainage and Ground Work**

**CITB**

**Tel: 01837 83130**

**Mobile: 07970 653827**

**Tel: 01837 82271 W J Morris & Sons**



**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS Established 1953**

**Timber Yard, Sampford Courtenay  
Okehampton EX20 2TB**

**FARM, DOMESTIC & INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS,  
EMERGENCY LIGHTING, FIRE & SECURITY ALARMS**

**www.rheywoodelectrical.co.uk**

**R HEYWOOD  
ELECTRICAL**

**Richard Heywood  
07816392670**

**Hill View Peters Marland  
Torrington, EX38 8QA**



**NAPIT APPROVED**



# Durant Trust

There will be a meeting of the Durant Trust on 19<sup>th</sup> March, at which time the Trustees will consider applications from organisations for projects which will benefit the residents of North Tawton.

Application forms are available on our website, there is a link from the homepage, or by contacting the Town Clerk.

The deadline for applications is Friday 8 March 2024

The forms must be completed in full and submitted with all the required supporting information.

SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

## BIG BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024**

served from 8.30am to 10.00am

*A great opportunity to meet up with family and friends over a delicious full English breakfast* **£8.50**

Please reserve your seats by calling Nicky on 01837 880300 or email [nickyvhmc@gmail.com](mailto:nickyvhmc@gmail.com)



Registered Charity Number 283279

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

The latest meeting took place in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday February 13th. The president, Margaret Cleveland, welcomed everyone and Jerusalem was sung. The speaker was Stuart Luxton of Farmer Luxton's Farm Shop in Okehampton. He spoke about the history of how it started, after some planning difficulties, up to the present day when there is a staff of 40 people. He was thanked by Margaret Cleveland. There was another speaker, David Botting Page, who came to speak about the celebrations to be held in Sampford Courtenay about the Anniversary of the Prayer Book Rebellion in June of this year. The WI was asked to be involved in the events planned. To be discussed at a future meeting.

The business followed. The Walking Group is meeting in Simmons Park, Okehampton on Friday February 23rd for a walk around Fatherford. The Coffee Morning to be held in the village hall on Saturday April 13th is to run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and was discussed. Members being asked what they were willing to do - provide cakes or raffle prizes or help generally. Cherry Chidwick has arranged a visit to Old Glebe Garden, Chagford on August 13.th

The winner of the competition was Vera Collins and the FOM was won by Ethel Nanckivell.

The next meeting is the AGM in Exbourne village hall on Tuesday March 12th. The speaker will be Rachel Stevens talking about Curworthy Cheese.

*Margaret Weeks*

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.

WE NEED YOU

Contact Jennie for more info: 07940 505 021

Help us keep our wonderful pool up & running for our children and community.

### We Need LIFEGUARDS

The pool committee would pay for a week-long National Pool Lifeguard Course (NPLQ). You will then be a fully qualified lifeguard and ready to volunteer during the swimming seasons. Please note that you will need to be a confident and strong swimmer to be able to pass this course. More information about the course can be found here: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/national-pool-lifeguard-qualification>

### And POOLSIDE HELPERS

Help out at the poolside by taking payments for the swimming sessions and assist with tidying up afterwards.



## A.M. Cleaning Solutions

### WHAT WE OFFER

- Window Cleaning using Traditional Methods
- Gutter Cleaning & Clearing using Skyvac
- Disinfectant Fogger Machine protecting against all virus\*, including Covid, & bacterias
- Caravan and Motorhome exterior cleaning
- Industrial Power Washing for pathways, driveways, decking, building exteriors, vehicles and more...

**FOR ALL YOUR RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL NEEDS**

Mobile: 07887 588019  
A.M.CleaningSolutionsNT@gmail.com

TUE-FRI - 9AM - 5PM  
SAT - 9AM - 4PM  
SUN - 10AM - 3PM  
CLOSED MON



THE OLD AIRFIELD  
WINKLEIGH  
EX19 8EZ  
NEXT TO JONES'S CAFE

## PET, HOME & GARDEN SUPPLIES

### YOUR ONE-STOP ESSENTIAL SHOP!

**NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!**  
@petsheds

✳ WILD BIRD FOOD ✳ PEANUTS ✳ FAT BALLS  
✳ TREATS ✳ PET FOODS ✳ LITTERS & BEDDING

✳ TOILETRIES ✳ BIN LINERS ✳ CLEANING PRODUCTS  
✳ COOKWARE ✳ DIY PRODUCTS ✳ PAINTS & BRUSHES  
✳ STATIONERY & GREETINGS CARDS



✳ COMPOST ✳ BARK CHIPS ✳ FENCE & WOOD CARE  
✳ SEEDS ✳ PLANT FOOD ✳ TOP SOIL ✳ PEST CONTROL  
✳ SMOKELESS FUEL

**JOIN OUR LOYALTY SCHEME!**

NOW STOCKING...

✳ HERBS ✳ SPICES ✳ DRIED FRUIT  
✳ PULSES ✳ FLOUR ✳ OATS

**...AND SO MUCH MORE!!!**

**POP IN AND SEE US - WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

**TEL: 01837 680084**

## Robinson Plant Ltd

[www.robinsonplant.co.uk](http://www.robinsonplant.co.uk)

A family firm with over 30 years experience

All aspects of earthworks, ground works and hard landscaping including:

Site Excavation  
Concreting and Driveways  
Stone Walling  
Paving and Patios  
Brickwork and Block work  
Foundations and Ground works  
Land Drainage and Ponds

Office: 01837 89065  
Mobile: 07909 998945  
Email: [alec@robinsonplant.co.uk](mailto:alec@robinsonplant.co.uk)



## DARTMOOR GRANITE

Reclaimed Architectural and Landscaping Granite

.....

Troughs, Gateposts, Flagstones, Steps, Garden Features, Architectural Building Materials, Walling Stone, Granite Boulders

.....

We also offer an installation service.

**Phone: 01837 89065**  
**Mobile: 07909 998945**  
**Email: [info@dartmoorgranite.co.uk](mailto:info@dartmoorgranite.co.uk)**  
**Web: [www.dartmoorgranite.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorgranite.co.uk)**



Saturday 2nd March

Football club quiz will take place in the Town Hall. Doors open at 7p.m. quiz will start at 7.30p.m. Teams of 6 maximum. Cost £3 per person. Bar available bring your own snacks. Raffle. Proceeds for football club funds.

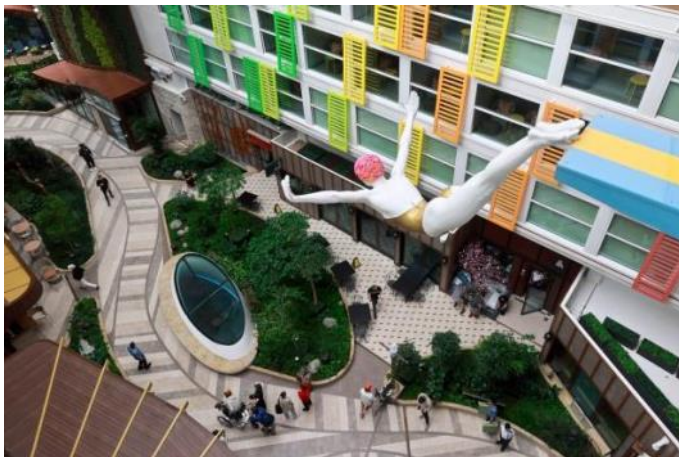
Saturday 16th March

the Guides have their Easter Coffee Morning in the Town Hall from 10 a.m..  
Various stalls including homemade cakes, draw, hamper, tombola, £1, 50p .  
Proceeds for Guide funds.

## Iconic Sculptures created in Devon

**Following the BBC news feature yesterday covering the launch of the world's largest ship 'Icon of the Seas' on its maiden voyage from Miami, Devon sculptor Andrew Sinclair MRSS is delighted that his three magnificent diver sculptures were making waves in worldwide news, with their photographs streamed across CNN & Sky News, as well as the BBC.**

The commission for the three divers was finally completed in August last year and was an epic project for Andrew and his team. Andrew was approached by International Corporate Art earlier in the year to create the three 7ft female sculptures, posed as if in a dive sequence. **Not only did Andrew design and sculpt the magnificent, stylised figures, working with local metal fabricators and paint sprayers, he had to project manage the engineering and fixings of each piece for them to be installed on three different decks.**



***"I'm delighted to see that my diver sculptures have been featured in many news articles around the world – creating them was certainly a voyage of discovery! We used innovative techniques and new materials in their making and I'm extremely proud of the high-quality design and finish that my team and I ultimately achieved."***

Created in Andrew's workshop in the heart of Devon, the figures made the journey to the shipyard in Turku, Finland, before the ship headed to Miami for its launch last week. Andrew has worked with ICA for over 30 years, producing a huge range of sculptures for cruise-liners, including giant venetian masks, to fire-breathing dragons, to astronauts and breakdancers. Andrew Sinclair is best known to the public for his famous David Bowie sculpture in Aylesbury and his Civic Award-winning sculpture in Halifax of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

As one of the world's leading realist figurative sculptors, Andrew Sinclair MRSS SWAc is considered an icon in the world of sculpture education too. Andrew is the co-director and lead tutor at The Sculpture School in Devon,

**A date for your Diary**—The Bondleigh Barn Band will perform at St. Peter's Church in North Tawton on Sunday, 28th April at 3 p.m... Admission free with a retiring collection for Childrens' Hospice South West. Come along, join in the fun and support a worthwhile local cause !

# A.M.B.

**Adam Mark Butler**  
Property maintenance service

North Tawton  
07534537226

adambutler919@gmail.com  @a.m.b.propertymaintenance

Block work  
Plaster boarding  
Small concrete work  
Slabbing

Skimming  
Rendering  
Painting  
+ much more

**A.M.B.**  
Adam Mark Butler

## Brownings Upholstery

Traditional Upholsterers

North Tawton, Devon

- Bespoke Upholstery Undertaken
- Antique furniture bought & sold



Contact Ruth Browning

Mobile : 07961 145866

Email: [rb.upholstery@gmail.com](mailto:rb.upholstery@gmail.com)

[www.browningsupholstery.co.uk](http://www.browningsupholstery.co.uk)



## NICHOLS NYMET HOUSE SPRING CONCERT 2024 **JAMES ORFORD** (St Paul's Church Knightsbridge) ORGAN & PIANO RECITAL

James Orford (b.1996) is Assistant Director of Music at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, and has established a successful freelance concert and accompanying career in London

James, gave his first concert at Nichols Nymet in 2015, and we are very happy to welcome him back for an evening of Classics for Piano & Organ featuring well known composers inc Bach, Chopin, Dvorak, Mendelssohn & Vivaldi

*The concert will be followed by two course supper and wine*



7pm SATURDAY 13th April 2024

NICHOLS NYMET HOUSE

TICKETS IN ADVANCE Price £35.00 (Concert only £15.00)

RSVP to Paul Goodman

Bank transfers Preferred Please ask for details

NICHOLS NYMET HOUSE

NORTH TAWTON, DEVON EX20 2BP

Tel 01837 -82626 or 07836 634071 E-mail [mandpgoodman@outlook.com](mailto:mandpgoodman@outlook.com)

Website [www.devonbedandbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.devonbedandbreakfast.co.uk)

## SM Plumbing & Heating Stuart Moffat

Plumbing & Heating Engineer

Contact me

on

07738 759606 or 01837 880067



No.519960 [stuartmoffat2@hotmail.com](mailto:stuartmoffat2@hotmail.com)



**Acupuncture**  
Kampo- Japanese Herbalism  
Qigong Tuina Massage

**01837 851886**

**07792 333109**

[www.the-wellspring.co.uk](http://www.the-wellspring.co.uk)

**Ihsan Dal Din**  
Exbourne



British  
Acupuncture  
Council Member

## Taw Valley Dental Care

56 Fore Street  
North Tawton  
EX20 2DT

Telephone: **01837 880096**

*Oral Health Accessible to All*



## News From North Tawton Community Primary School



### Highlights of the first half term of 2024

As always, it's never a dull moment at our lively primary school! Here are some of our highlights from the past six weeks.

Year Six have been learning about American Civil Rights, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous 'I Have a Dream' speech and what this means to us here and now. They have written their own versions of Brothers Grimm fairy tales and in RE are discussing how stories are used to promote good behaviours in religious teaching and our shared cultures.

Year Five have been learning about magnetism, culminating in making their own electromagnets! They have learnt about medieval monarchs and in English read a fascinating book about Phillippe Petit, the high-wire trapeze artist (don't try this at home!) and writing his biography from their research.

Our Year Four class have learnt about the planets in our solar system using their mnemonic 'My Very Excellent Mum Just Served Us Noodles' as a way of remembering the planets in order from the sun! They have also learnt about the Anglo Saxons and are competitively committing all times tables to memory.

The sound of glockenspiels and recorders have been heard from our Year Three classroom this term. They have also been learning about Islam prayer and fasting and the history of the Shang Dynasty in Ancient China. We have welcomed three new children to the class who have all settled in brilliantly.

Year Two have written and made their own fantastic Animal Orchestra pop-up book based on The Bear and the Piano. They have also enjoyed learning about scientists and engineers, and in music they have been playing rhythms on Djembe drums.

Year One have been reading the book Begu which has helped them think about our similarities and differences and how to be kind and welcoming. In Design and Technology they have been learning how to fix moving parts to a structure, they all made a windmill and enjoyed singing the song 'The Windmill in old Amsterdam' as they cut, glued and attached sails to their mills.

Reception class have been exploring the whole world! From the deserts to the polar caps, the rainforest to under the sea! They have been learning French games and stories from a native speaker (thank you Marion!) They also went by coach to visit the aquarium at Plymouth!

As always, our adventurous nursery children have been bursting with energy and excitement for learning! They have been on rockets to the moon, in time capsules back to Ancient Egypt and across the seas to China to celebrate New Year.

Across the school we have been making our maths lessons more practical and have introduced a model of 'I do, we do, you do' which is supporting our children to become more confident to work independently. We have all been enjoying the wet and muddy great outdoors, particularly working with Sarah Augbaya from the Devon Wildlife Trust. Coach Pearson has been leading sports, and we have joined local schools for Ability Games and Cross Country. As always, we enjoy coming together each day to share achievements, sing and learn more about being great citizens. Regular learning walks by leaders, and two visits from Dan Morrow our CEO have all confirmed we are striving to do our best to ensure our children are being supported to be the best they can be.

And to finish our busy half term, we had a Valentine Glow Disco!

*Tara Penny,  
Principal*



# **North Tawton** Repair Café

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

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 that 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, and often soup, 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<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30

6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30

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

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



## North Tawton Library of Things

Join for £5 a year and borrow any of the items we have in the library for free. Open 5.30-6.30 every Thursday, in the Chapel of Rest. You can join online or with a paper form (available in the Post Office). Our library includes household tools, gardening equipment, beer and wine glasses, hoover and carpet cleaners, prams, travel cots, pet carriers, food dehydrator, dehumidifier and craft equipment! Why not pop along and have a look?

<https://northtawtonlibraryofthings.myturn.com/library/>

We also have a mini scrapstore – come and take away some new craft materials and see what you can create! (The scrapstore will also be at the Repair Café for you to have a rummage).

## Okehampton & District Men's Probus

Okehampton & District Men's Probus Club is primarily a social club of retired & semi-retired men from all walks of life. We are non-sectarian & non-political & our members include farmers ex-military, businessmen, public servants, vets & engineers amongst others. Our fortnightly meetings involve interesting speakers on both local & wide-ranging subjects, and there is plenty of opportunity to chat, have a coffee & make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. We also hold coffee mornings, ploughman's lunches, and Summer & Winter lunches.

We have been described as a motley crew of retired people with half-alert & active brains & a sense of humour!

This is an opportunity to widen your social circle, to sit quietly or chat away. It's up to you.

Our meetings in March are on the 4th, when our talk is on 'Silent films of Dartmoor', and the 18th and in April we meet on the 3rd, with a talk on 'Dartmoor Rivers' by Emma Cunis.

We meet on alternate Mondays at 10.30 a.m. at the Old Drill Hall, Kempley Road, Okehampton,.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th March. Just turn up for a friendly welcome or contact Bob Hines on 01837 53892 or Steve Harris on 07780 694185 for more information.



**SAMPFORD COURTENAY  
PRAYER BOOK REBELLION 475TH  
EVENT**

To commemorate the Event on 8th June 2024

**The Cider Vat & Taw Valley Brewery**  
have created a Rebellion Cider and Rebellion Ale

We are holding a competition to create a label for each of these special creations and the winner will have their design on each of the commemoration bottles.

All we need is your design drawn in a 200mmx200mm square on A4 so that it can be reduced to fit the bottle

Entries close on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
Send your entries to [marion174@btinternet.com](mailto:marion174@btinternet.com)  
or post without folding to Higher Town Farm, Sampford



**North Tawton Market  
North Tawton Town Hall,  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.  
10a.m. to 1p.m.**

Come and join us for our first market of 2024. There will be lots of stalls, with local produce and crafts available. Stalls will include local beer, cider, wine, pork, lamb, crafts, honey and art. Perfect for easter gifts and dinner! The WI will be manning the kitchen, with tea, coffee and bacon rolls available to keep you going while you shop.

For more information on the market, please visit the north Tawton events group facebook page.

**Ian runs again!**

Local runner, Ian Webber (husband of Jayne at NT Post Office) is due to run his 23rd consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 21st April. This is be Ian's 50th marathon overall.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of Hospice UK. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice and end of life care and supports many of our local hospices.

Ian and Jayne are well known for their Coffee Mornings, which they held in North Tawton Town Hall for many years prior to the covid pandemic. This year, they will be holding a Virtual Silent Auction (date to be confirmed) by email and Facebook. Donations of items, vouchers, tickets, service promises, can be dropped in to Jayne at North Tawton Post Office.

You can donate via the fundraising page:

[www.justgiving.com/pageianwebberlm2024](http://www.justgiving.com/pageianwebberlm2024)

Alternatively, drop in a donation to Jayne at the Post Office. (Please complete a slip in the PO if you are eligible for Gift Aid) Ian and Jayne can be contacted via email: [jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk) or phone: 01837 82540.

£2800 was raised last year for Hospice UK, with our community's help. Over the years, Ian and Jayne have raised an incredible £78,464 for various charities, so the £80,000 fundraising milestone is within reach!

Let's help make Ian's 50<sup>th</sup> marathon a memorable one!



**EDWORTHY**  
**COMPUTING LTD**

Unit 1, Oakfield, Bow, Crediton



**Computer & Laptop repairs & virus removal**

**New & Used computer & laptop stockists**



**IT support & Website design**

**Printers & Consumables**

**Prompt & Reliable Call-out service**

**t: 01363 881157**

**e: sales@edworthycomputing.co.uk**

**www.edworthycomputing.co.uk**



**Sarah's Yoga**

**Sampford Courtenay Village Hall**

**Tuesday evenings 6 - 7.30 p.m.**

**and**

**North Tawton Bowls Club**

**Tuesday mornings 10.30 p.m. - 12 noon**

**£10 per session**

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

Or, I'm not bendy enough? Or I'm too old...**stop right there.....**

You can start yoga at any age, any ability. I didn't start until I was 39 and have been teaching for nearly 20 years. There will always be some postures that I cannot do, we are all unique, but for me, that's not the true aim of yoga. We are living in a busy world again, so by having some space and time just for you, we can remember how to work with the breath to regain some strength and increase our flexibility and have some time to rest and relax, you are looking after yourself, which is so very important for our physical and mental health.

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

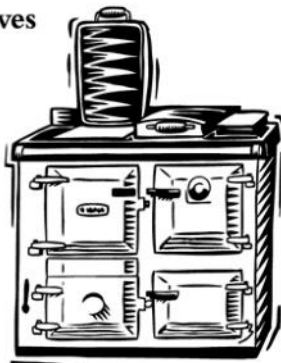
01837 849110 / 07592 377028

To find out more about Sarah's Yoga visit  
www.sarahsyoga.co.uk

BWY  
BOW  
WYVERN  
TEACHERS

## **Rangemoors.** **The home of Stoves** **Range Cookers and** **Renewables.**

- Wood & Multifuel Stoves
- Cookers & Cookware
- Flues & Chimneys
- Spares & Accessories
- Logs & Multifuels



Find us outside Winkleigh on  
the A3124 Torrington road.  
Open Mon to Sat, 9 - 5pm.

**Call 01837 680068**

**www.rangemoors.co.uk**

The Airfield, Torrington Road, Winkleigh, Devon EX19 8DW

**HEATING • COOKING • LIVING**



**moorland fuels**  
part of your landscape

**The Local Independent Fuel Supplier**  
**You Can Count On!**

- Heating Oil and Tractor Diesel
- Oil Tank Cleaning
- Boiler Servicing
- Lubricants
- Coal
- Oil Tank Replacement and Installation

**01837 55700**

Moorlands House, North Rd. Okehampton EX20 1BQ

www.moorlandfuels.co.uk



## THE ART BOX – March 2024

**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 won't be too long now before we slowly creep out of hibernation and prepare to embrace springtime. It will be away with the bedsocks and box sets that have sustained us through this cold and wet winter, and out with the garden trowel and seed packets, ready to welcome the green shoots of a warmer season.

At first glance, some might think North Tawton a sleepy little place with not a great deal going on, but tucked away in isolated spots are pockets bursting with creativity.

The silversmith, tap, tap, taps away hammering metal, transforming it into earrings, bangles, rings and necklaces.

Sculptors, with blocks of stone or wood, wield chisels – chipping away with precision, or they twist and bend metal to formulate their vision.

The potter throws lumps of wet clay onto the wheel and with sleight of hand gently moulds it into bowls, cups and vases.

Textile artists create inspiring patterns while the painter, brush in hand, boldly applies colour to excite, to disturb, to please, to intrigue.

Writers juxtapose sentences on pages to create meaning, while poets dance, twist and somersault with words to create scenes.

Actors find quiet corners to rehearse their lines while guitarists strum away in bedrooms and singers practise songs to provide a musical melody in choirs and bands.

Photographers capture that precious moment for posterity while video editors splice and cut their film into meaningful stories.

All this creativity mostly takes place behind closed doors – in townhouses and garden studios in and around the area.

Artists, performers, and craftspeople perfecting their trade in isolation – some earning a living by it, some semi-professional, and some for the sheer joy of it.

There are many opportunities this year to see this creativity showcased: in addition to individual events staged by artists and performers, the NT Events Group is planning an exhibition at the Community Centre 26th-28th April; on 12<sup>th</sup> July we look forward to a music festival brought to us by the new local organisation Tawlands; Ruth Smith Gallery looks forward to hosting two photography exhibitions, by Tim Bradshaw and Arran Hawkins; and Red Mud Arts has a whole host of different events and groups to get involved with including open mic nights, life drawing, artist meet-ups and critique groups.

So here's to a creative, prosperous and fruitful springtime where, with the help of these catalysts for creativity, people can exchange ideas, gain feedback and become even more inspired to hone their craft.

*RMA supporter, Anne Wilby*

## Ian runs again!

Local runner, Ian Webber (husband of Jayne at NT Post Office) is due to run his 23rd consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 21st April. This is be Ian's 50th marathon overall.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of Hospice UK. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice and end of life care and support many of our local hospices.

Ian and Jayne are well known for their Coffee Mornings, which they held in North Tawton Town Hall for many years prior to the covid pandemic. This year, they will be holding a Virtual Silent Auction (date to be confirmed) by email and Facebook. Donations of items, vouchers, tickets, service promises, can be dropped in to Jayne at North Tawton Post Office.

You can donate via the fundraising page: [www.justgiving.com/page/ianwebberlm2024](http://www.justgiving.com/page/ianwebberlm2024) alternatively, drop in a donation to Jayne at the Post Office. (Please complete a slip in the PO if you are eligible for Gift Aid) Ian and Jayne can be contacted via email: [jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk) or phone: 01837 82540.

£2800 was raised last year for Hospice UK, with our community's help. Over the years, Ian and Jayne have raised an incredible £78,464 for various charities, so the £80,000 fundraising milestone is within reach!

Let's help make Ian's 50<sup>th</sup> marathon a memorable one!

## STAFF REQUIRED

# GRAYLINGS FISH & CHIPS

**PERSON TO LEARN FRYING, IN NORTH TAWTON SHOP,  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, FULL TRAINING WILL BE  
GIVEN. MAINLY WEEK-END WORK, FRIDAY &  
SATURDAY BUT ADDITIONAL HOURS ARE AVAILABLE**

**ALSO**

**COUNTER AND KITCHEN STAFF REQUIRED IN BOTH  
NORTH TAWTON AND OKEHAMPTON SHOPS.**

**ALSO**

**PERSON FOR POTATO/CHIP PREPARATION**

**HOURLY RATES ON APPLICATION.**

**CALL 01837 89195 NORTH TAWTON  
OR 01837 54663 OKEHAMPTON**

## SERVICES FOR SMALLHOLDINGS

- Fencing
- Hedgerow Services
- Woodland Management

A range of services to  
improve, enhance  
and restore your  
green areas

**SORREL**  
Countryside Management Services  
Working with Nature



Contact: Philip Cribb BSc (Hons) PGCE  
**07815 133576**  
phil@sorrelcms.co.uk

**www.sorrelcms.co.uk**

**@SorrelCMS**

**Venton Farm • Drewsteignton  
Devon EX6 6PG**



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
Saturday 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

### Full range of Post Office services including

Car Tax  
Banking Services for all major banks  
Post your packets and parcels  
Household and DIY, Cards, Stationery,  
Confectionery,  
Seasonal Clothing and Wild Bird Food

We thank you for your continued support

**North Tawton Post Office  
(01837) 82241**

**Help us stay at the heart of the community of  
North Tawton and surrounding area**



## SAMPFORD COURTENAY PRAYER BOOK REBELLION

In June 1549 Sampford Courtenay was the location of a local uprising against the forced installation of the Book of Common Prayer. This soon gained support and resulted in a 'Rebel Force' laying siege to Exeter City.

After being overwhelmed by Royalist forces in a number of battles the Rebels were finally driven back to Sampford Courtenay in August, where they made a last stand and sustained major casualties.

In 1999 to mark the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rebellion, an illustrated display was established in the Church and the Village held a number of commemorative events including a Tudor Fair.

This year will be the 475<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and plans are being developed to mark both the start of the Rebellion and the final Battle.

Plans being developed to date are:-

Spring	Community Information Events including costume making. Interactive Display Project + Working with Young People and
Schools	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Programme update and discussion + Talk on Tudor Times and Costumes
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Escorted Coach Tour of the Battlefield sites
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Devon Family History Event. Tudor Life + The History of some of the houses in the village + The Sampford Courtenay Village History Time-Line.
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Devonshire Association Event. Talks by Mark Stoyale and Sue Andrews. B.B.Q and 'Rebellion' Ale and Cider + Illumination of Church and Church Rooms.
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Floral Displays in the Church + Morris Dancing + Market Stall's + Mummers Play + Tudor Dancing + Tudor Games. Tudor Life Re-enactment Group on the Village Green + B.B.Q and Bar in Church Rooms.
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Battlefield Tours and Talks Tudor Life Re-enactment Groups for weekend
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Commemorative Church Service



Further information and updates on the Sampford Courtenay website.



## SAMPFORD COURTENAY 475<sup>TH</sup> PRAYER BOOK REBELLION EVENTS.

### HOW OLD IS YOUR HOUSE?

As part of our Event on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May, I am hoping to give a brief history of any of the buildings in Sampford Courtenay which may have borne witness to the Prayer Book Rebellion.

If you know the history of your house, and think it was built in or before the 16<sup>th</sup> Century – I would love to hear from you so that I can include it in my talk.

Please email any details and photographs to Marion Pratt at  
[marion174@btinternet.com](mailto:marion174@btinternet.com)

Many thanks.





# NORTH TAWTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



The Clubhouse is  
available to HIRE for  
**PRIVATE FUNCTIONS**

Competitive Rates  
Ample Parking  
Now with free wifi

**ALL EVENTS CATERED FOR**

Call  
**SARAH on 01837 82704**



## NTRFC 2023/2024 FIXTURES COUNTIES 2 TRIBUTE DEVON

### SEPTEMBER

2ND WITHYCOMBE (H)  
9TH DEVONPORT SERVICES (A)  
16TH EXMOUTH II (H)  
23RD TORQUAY ATHLETIC (A)  
30TH EXETER SARACENS (H)

### OCTOBER

14TH HONITON (A)  
21ST IVYBRIDGE II (H)

### NOVEMBER

4TH OLD PLYMOUTHIAN +  
MANNAMEDIAN (H)  
11TH PLYMOUTH ARGAUM (A)  
18TH BARNSTAPLE II (H)

### DECEMBER

2ND SOUTH MOLTON (A)  
9TH DEVONPORT SERVICES (H)  
16TH EXMOUTH II (A)

### JANUARY

6TH TORQUAY ATHLETIC (H)  
13TH EXETER SARACENS (A)  
27TH HONITON (H)

### FEBRUARY

3RD IVYBRIDGE II (A)  
17TH OLD PLYMOUTHIAN +  
MANNAMEDIAN (A)

### MARCH

2ND PLYMOUTH ARGAUM (H)  
16TH BARNSTAPLE II (A)  
23RD SOUTH MOLTON (H)

### APRIL

6TH WITHYCOMBE (A)

### KEY DATES

27TH OCTOBER - FIREWORKS  
NIGHT  
FURTHER CUP FIXTURES AND  
DATES FOR A CHARITY  
MATCH TO BE CONFIRMED

CLUB ADDRESS: TAW MEADOWS, FORE STREET, NORTH TAWTON, EX20 2ED



## Painter and Decorator

All aspects of interior and exterior work

Experienced in sash window repair,  
small plastering & carpentry.  
For a lasting and professional finish,  
free estimate and friendly advice,  
call:

**Reg Allan**

01837 880073

0795 4160 158

regallan1366@yahoo.co.uk

references available



Adam of Eden  
Tree Care



A friendly, family run company aiming to provide a range of  
high quality arboricultural services to our Customers' trees.

Services include:

Tree removals/ dismantles  
Tree pruning, reductions, thinning, shaping and dead wood  
removal  
Hedge trimming  
Stump grinding  
Tree planting

All work is insured to £5 million, complies with  
relevant British standards and is carried out by  
appropriately trained and equipped professional  
arborists

CALL NOW for friendly, professional advice and to  
arrange a FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE

TEL: 07398268877

EMAIL: adamofedentrees@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram:

@adamofedentrees



**POINTONS**

Man and Van

Removals  
Deliveries  
Collections

Local and Long Distance

www.PointonsManandVan.co.uk

07543 187661

## WHITEGATES JOINERY BESPOKE JOINERY SPECIALISTS

KITCHENS, STAIRS, DOORS, SLIDING SASH WINDOWS,  
CONSERVATION WORK

**FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE CALL ROGER**

01837 851720 / 07887731197

EMAIL whitegates05@yahoo.com

Practical Wood Working Lessons Available

### 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 01837 851659  
on [annpalmer@lineone.net](mailto:annpalmer@lineone.net)

### NORTH STREET CHAPEL

TEA AND PRAISE at 3 p.m.

March 17th

with  
Vicky Brown

### NORTH STREET CHAPEL SEWING CLUB

6.30 - 9 p.m.

(also knitting, crochet, cross stitch etc.)

For further information contact  
Charlotte Sampson 07706 942901 or  
[charlotte.sampson22@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.sampson22@gmail.com)

March 11th and 25th



### 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



### Sampford Courtenay Flower Club

11th March

Jane Wonnacott—Demo

*Imposed*

For more information contact the Chairman,  
Nancy Passmore on 01837 54894

### 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](mailto:juliec2911@hotmail.co.uk)  
or  
[admin@sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk)  
or by phone:  
**07866 605184**

### SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES:-

PILATES Monday 9.30 to 10.30 a.m.

YOGA CLASSES Tuesday 6 to 7.30 p.m.

TAP DANCING Thursday 11 a.m. to 12 noon

CHEERFUL CHATTER GROUP  
last Thursday of every month 2 – 3 p.m.  
Tea/coffee, cake and an hour of friendly chatter

TABLE TENNIS Weekly—for details  
ring 01837 851659

FLOWER CLUB 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every  
month 2.30 p.m.

#### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 8.30 to 10 a.m.  
Big Breakfast

Wednesday 6th March 10.00 to 1 p.m.  
Easter craft workshop

Friday 15th March 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start  
Film night QUARTET

Tuesday 19th March 12 noon Community lunch

Friday 19th April 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start  
Film night (film to be confirmed)

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



**MID DEVON  
FIREWOOD  
AND FORESTRY**

Quality hardwood logs  
cut to order and kindling.  
All aspects of low impact  
forestry.

Call Josh on 01363 83908  
or 07792 906258

Email ; [josh@mdff.co.uk](mailto:josh@mdff.co.uk)  
[www.mdff.co.uk](http://www.mdff.co.uk)



**THE BARBER SHOP**  
IS THE ARCADE  
OKEHAMPTON  
EX20 1EX

WALK-INS WELCOME  
IF YOU PREFER AN  
APPOINTMENT CALL  
**07803 471 774**



**TRUCK LOAD    £120  
(1 m3)**

**TRUCK & HALF £165**

**DOUBLE LOAD £220  
(2 m3)**


**TRAILER LOAD £360  
(4 m3)**

**LOCAL LOGS**

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL MARTIN ON 07817464420

[PARISH@BTINTERNET.COM](mailto:PARISH@BTINTERNET.COM)      [FACEBOOK LOCAL LOGS](https://www.facebook.com/LOCALLOGS)      [WWW.LOCALLOGS.NET](http://WWW.LOCALLOGS.NET)

**Ladies who lunch**



**Meet at the New Inn  
Sampford Courtenay**  
at 12.30 p.m. on the  
fourth Wednesday of the month  
(unless otherwise advised)

**Pre-booking is essential - please ring:**

Jackie Mardon                      01837 748116  
Debbie Manton, the New Inn      01837 82247

**BONDLEIGH RAINFALL**

January started the New Year wet with over 60 mm. in the first 5 days, but this was followed by 15 dry days, some quite cold. After a few more wet days the rest of the month was dry. This gave a total rainfall of 100.3mm which compared with 142mm last year. I think January 2024 was a dryer than average winter month. Let's see what February brings us.

*Danny Semorad*

**Date for your diary:**

**Sampford Courtenay Open Gardens,  
Sunday, 30th June, 11a.m.- 4p.m.**



The first Sampford Courtenay Parish meeting this year was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> and the minutes are available on the website . At each meeting, councillors report on the parish priority areas under their responsibility and a summary of these key issues affecting the community and updates on actions is outlined below.

### **Parish Priorities**

**Safer Roads** – Cllr. Collins has made another funding application to West Devon Borough Council to provide additional salt bins in the parish and at the March meeting, he will be updating us on that application progress.

**The Autumn Clean Up** – Cllr. McIlwraith reported that he approached Network Rail for a new licence which will enable access to the Sampford Courtenay Station property – this is pending and a future report will be brought back to a parish council meeting.

**Prayer Book Rebellion** – Marion Pratt attended the Prayer Book Rebellion meeting and reported that it had been productive . Her notes of the meeting are recorded on the Parish website.

**Dog Fouling** – Cllr. Wilson had contacted the WDBC Dog Warden and raised the parish concerns. WDBC have agreed to undertake patrols with a remit to identify offending dog owners and potentially take enforcement action. In the next few months there will be notices on bins – household leaflets drops and media information.

**Snow Plan and Grit Bins** – Cllr. Wilson had provided the Church with a salt bag and discussed areas of concern over the use of Grit Bins – one answer could be localised training.

**Village Green Inspection** – Cllr. Wilson undertook the monthly village green inspection and provided a report.

### **Highlight on Footpaths**

The lead for the maintenance of our rights of way that run through the parish is Cllr. Mike Carpenter. This involves walking the footpath and rights of way at least once a year and submitting a maintenance report to Devon County Council who are responsible for financing their maintenance. Each year we submit a bid for works to be done and if successful, they are allocated to us by DCC. In the last financial year, we have undertaken work along Cliston Lane and have funds to cover initial works to the Water Path and Footpath through the Village Green. Our aim here is to improve not only the surface but accessibility which will also benefit the church. An initial site level survey has been completed. Over the last few years we have undertaken work to Cliston Lane, Weirford Lane, Bulland Lane and Sholgate Lane as well as improve accessibility to various footpaths with new styles and gates. We also successfully bid for a battery powered Strimmer which was funded by the DCC. If anyone is aware of any issues with our various rights of way please contact Cllr. Mike Carpenter 07973 271923.

*Note -The Parish meeting dates in this year- 2024 - are March 27<sup>th</sup> , May 1<sup>st</sup> , June 26<sup>th</sup> , September 4<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>*

Clerk Malcolm Harris on [clerkscpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkscpc@gmail.com)



St. Andrew's Bellringers

will be holding their annual Coffee Morning

in Sampford Courtenay Church Rooms

on Saturday 16th March between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Tea, coffee and biscuits. Stalls : Raffle : Books : Fresh Veg : Cakes

Draw at 11.40am

Traditional and alternative arrangements tailored to your individual requirements

Since 1850.

David Albery Proprietor

**ALBERY & REDSTONE**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
Established 1850

OKEHAMPTON'S ONLY INDEPENDENT FUNERAL SERVICE

15 East Street, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1AS  
Tel: 01837 55299  
[www.okehamptonfunerals.co.uk](http://www.okehamptonfunerals.co.uk)

**gs gilbertstephens LLP**  
SOLICITORS

**When you need advice  
we have the solution**

**Call our Okehampton office 01837 51 21 00**  
9 Red Lion Yard EX20 1AW

**Call our Crediton office 01363 77 55 66**  
Manor Office, North Street EX17 2BR

**Call our Exeter office 01392 42 42 42**  
15 - 17 Southernhay East EX1 1QE

Other offices at Budleigh Salterton, Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth.

**Visit [gilbertstephens.co.uk](http://gilbertstephens.co.uk) for more information**

Gilbert Stephens LLP is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (no: 536070)

MED Theatre presents

**THE EXPERIMENT**

Touring March 2024

Tickets, info & video description:

Fri 15th, 7:30pm & Sat 16th, 2:30pm\* - Manaton Parish Hall  
Tues 19th, 7:30pm - Winkleigh Village Hall  
Wed 20th, 7:30pm - Buckfast, Southpark Community Centre  
Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd, 7:30pm - Moretonhampstead Parish Hall

Tickets £6-8 Under 16s | £10-£14 Adults

\*The matinee on Saturday 16th will be a relaxed performance

What If...?

For more information:  
[www.medtheatre.co.uk](http://www.medtheatre.co.uk)  
01647 441356 / [info@medtheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@medtheatre.co.uk)

Part of MED Theatre's 'What If...' project, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund

MED Theatre inspired by Dartmoor

Heritage Fund

Community Play: The Experiment - 19th March in Winkleigh Village Hall, MED Theatre's Intergenerational Community Play 2024:

The Experiment!

Dartmoor's own community-based theatre organisation will be back on tour in March 2024 with their latest production. The play will be part of a larger project called 'What If...?', made possible with support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

A group of children is dropped off at a location on Dartmoor, excited to enjoy a fun week of camping, but their leaders have an accident and have to be rushed to hospital, leaving the children alone and unprovided for. Unbeknown to them, they are part of an experiment their parents secretly signed them up for: is the hunter-gatherer instinct still intact? Can humans survive with only the land to live off despite the present-day short cuts to food and a reliance on technology? The scientists and parents watch on hidden cameras as the dangers get more and more extreme until eventually they need to step in, but for one child does their intervention come too late?

Tickets on Sale now For more information, please head to the company's website.

[www.medtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.medtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/)

# The Whiddon Mission Community

## North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Honeychurch Chagford, Gidleigh, Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, South Tawton, Spreyton and Hittisleigh,

**TEAM VICAR:** North Tawton  
**TEAM RECTOR:** Chagford

**Rev'd. Dr. David Spence** (89243) [revdspence@gmail.com](mailto:revdspence@gmail.com)  
**at present a Vacancy**

**ASSISTANT MINISTER:** North Tawton  
**CURATE:** Chagford  
**PARISH WORKER:** North Tawton

**Rev'd. Rita Bullworthy** (89168) [ritabullworthy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritabullworthy@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Rev'd. Dr. Harriet Every** (01647 432402)  
**Mr. Wesley Cutler** (07540 127827) [wesleycutler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wesleycutler@hotmail.co.uk)

### CHURCHWARDENS

**St. Peter's** North Tawton

Mr. Paul Andrews (82648)

Mrs. Rhona Bragg (82343)

**St. James's** Bondleigh

Mr. Danny Semorad (82319)

Mr. Graham Stokes (82240)

**St. Andrew's** Sampford Courtenay

Mr. Malcolm Craig (880118)

Mrs. Sarah Hanks (851287)

**St. Mary's** Honeychurch

Mr. Ray Squire (851627)

Mr. Richard Weeks (851269)

*(All numbers are 01837 numbers unless otherwise stated)*

Church web page address: <http://www.stpetersnorthtawton.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpetersnorthtawton/>

### MARCH SERVICES at St. Peter's Church North Tawton

3rd March	11 a.m.	Morning Worship
10th March	11 a.m.	Family Service
17th March	11 a.m.	Informal Communion
24th March	11 a.m.	Traditional Communion
29th March	10 a.m.	Good Friday Reflection
31st March	11 a.m.	Easter Family Service with Communion

### MARCH SERVICES at St. James's Church Bondleigh

3rd March	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service
17th March	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service
31st March	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service

### MARCH SERVICES at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

3rd March	3 p.m.	Evensong / Communion
31st March	3 p.m.	Communion

**ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Devon Parish of Holy Prophet Elias**  
For details of services contact  
Celia or Martin Olsson (82796)

### MARCH SERVICES at St. Andrew's Church Sampford Courtenay

3rd March	9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
10th March	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Communion
17th March	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
24th March	9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Communion
25th/26th/ 27th March	9 p.m.	Compline
28th March	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion
29th March	2 p.m.	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
31st March	9.30 a.m.	Easter Communion

### North Street Chapel

Contact: Mr. R. Sampson 07835 033062

	11 a.m.	Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Special service	No Service unless advertised otherwise
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Prayer & Communion	No Service unless advertised otherwise
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	No service	3 p.m. Tea and Praise
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11 a.m. Morning Service	No service
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Prayer & Communion	No service unless advertised otherwise



## Carer

DBS Checked

Friendly and Professional Service

- Personal Care
- Assisting with jobs in the home
- Cooking
- Hospital Visits
- Company
- Shopping and much more!
- Pet Care
- Cleaning

Covering all areas from Okehampton area through to Pathfinder (Sticklepath, Tedburn St. Mary, Cheriton Bishop, Crockenwell and surrounding area).

Please call **Sonia France** on

**07896 226 546**

References available on request



**Kevin**

**Osborne**

Aerials & Satellite

City & Guilds NVQ



**01363 777190 07841 644395**

Aerial Upgrades · All aspects of Installation and Repair  
Discreet Installation · Extra TV Points · Existing Aerial &  
Satellite Problems Resolved · DAB Radio Aerial  
Free Advice · Free Quotation Service · Free Signal Check

**DARREN CHAPMAN**  
ELECTRICIAN

**NEED AN ELECTRICIAN**

- Rewires
- New Builds
- Alterations
- P.A.T. Testing
- New Consumer Units
- TV/BT Sockets

dpcelectricals@hotmail.co.uk

**MOB: 07825 630643 TEL: 01363 85625**



**Veg Boxes**

FRESH

LOCALLY GROWN

SEASONAL VEG

Deliveries Wednesdays

and Friday's

From £12.00

Martin 07762 361656

Sheila 07759 345913

Info@stonefarmproduce.com



Business Cards · Wedding Stationery · Posters · Flyers · Packaging  
and much more. Get in touch today **01837 82386**

[burridgeprinters.co.uk](http://burridgeprinters.co.uk)

[bsharpdesigns.co.uk](http://bsharpdesigns.co.uk)

In partnership with  
**bsharpdesigns**

House Building · Extensions · Conservatories  
Barn Conversion · Brick, Block, Stone Work  
Driveway Paviours · Rendering, Plastering ·  
Patios Wall & Floor Tiling ·  
Wood Work all fixings

**IAN RICE Builder**

Sunnyridge, Moor View, North Tawton

Devon EX20 2HW

Mob: **07967 418110**

[ipricebuilding@gmail.com](mailto:ipricebuilding@gmail.com)

**LINDFIELD PLANTS & EGGS**  
**CREDITON ROAD, SAMPFORD COURTENAY**

**SEASONAL BEDDING / PERENNIALS / SHRUBS**  
**HANGING BASKETS**

**COMPOST 40,50&75 Ltr./ CANES / HORSE POO £1.50**  
**Per Bag**

**We Accept Credit and Debit Cards**

**From Okehampton - Left Hand Side, just after Railway Bridge**

**From N.Tawton - Right Hand Side, just before Railway Bridge**

**LOOK FOR THE LINDFIELD PLANT SIGNS**

**01837 880219 07806815558**



**Chimney Sweep**

CRB checked All work insured  
Certificate of sweeping  
Discount for multiple chimneys

**Phill Melville**

**01363 877411**

[phillip.melville@googlemail.com](mailto:phillip.melville@googlemail.com)

[phillmelville.com](http://phillmelville.com)

**cotton & wool**  
**on wheels**



**Thursday 1st February 9am-12pm**

**then 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May (every 1st Thursday of the Month)**

**@ North Tawton Rugby Club Front Car Park**

**Come & find us in our mobile shop, where we will have a delicious selection of crafty supplies on board including...**

James C Brett Yarn  
Cotton & Wool Hand Dyed  
Yarn  
Macrame Cord  
Basket Making Cord  
Haberdashery

Sewing Needles & Threads  
Knitting Needles & Crochet  
Hooks  
Ribbons & Buttons  
Needle & Wet Felting Supplies  
Spinning Fibres

Ask us about our workshops, as we have Glass Fusing, Needle Felting,  
Beginners Sewing & Yarn Dying coming up locally!

**Crafting is good for the soul, so let us bring  
your next project to you!**

If you have any questions or special requests, please call Gemma on  
**01837 319007 / 07930128236** or email [sew@cottonandwool.co.uk](mailto:sew@cottonandwool.co.uk)

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024      Blake GRANT      St. Peter's, North Tawton

### Burials

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024      Gianni GOZZI (98 years )      St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2024      Bertram PIPER (97 years)      St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

## The Benefice Choir

*Under the direction of*

Roger Cleverdon

Available to sing at

**WEDDINGS · BAPTISMS · FUNERALS**

Roger Cleverdon      01837 810320

Devon Sensory Outreach Service

### **NORTH TAWTON 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 Community Centre, Barton Street.

**10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.**

For further information contact: Care Direct 0345 155 1007

**POLICE NON EMERGENCY  
PHONE NUMBER 101**

**ANYONE WISHING TO PLACE A COMMERCIAL  
ADVERTISEMENT IN "ROUNABOUT" IS  
INVITED TO CONTACT THE EDITORS FOR  
DETAILS OF ADVERTISING RATES.**

### **NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL**

Bookings: Annette 07724 948031

Secretary: Lin 01837 880031

"Roundabout" is printed by  
Hedgerow Print  
13-14 Meadow Business Park  
Lords Meadow Industrial Estate  
Credon EX17 1DN

### **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 March 28th

**NORTH TAWTON  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Barton Street  
**Rooms available for Hire**  
**Competitive Rates**  
Call Mark 01837 82608

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 and contents are regularly moved to the community kitchen in Merry-Go-Round Thank you.





## SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



### FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH DOORS OPEN 7P.M.  
FILM STARTS 7.30P.M.

REFRESHMENTS

# QUARTET

TICKETS £5.00

prebook via [secretaryvhsc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryvhsc@gmail.com)  
or call 07811 324154

registered charity number 283279

## NORTH TAWTON

### BOWLING CLUB

Following a successful 2023 season  
and a winter rest for the green we  
will be opening for outdoor bowls  
on 20th April.

If you're looking for a chance to  
keep active and socialise with  
people in your community, then  
bowls is for you.

Put **Sunday 12th May** in your diary  
to come along and **give bowls a go.**



## Church Flowers & Brass

### Sampford Courtenay

March	Lent – No Flowers
April	Shirley Reddaway

### Honeychurch

March	Karen Squire
April	Marilyn Weeks

### Bondleigh

Mar 3rd	Nicola Raffin & Clarewen. (Brass only)
Mar 10th / 17th (Mar 17th, Mar 24th Brass only)	Barbara Dennis
Mar 24th / 31st	Hazel Towell
April 7th /14th	Jacqui Bourne
April 21st /28th	Nikki Jourdan

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

Feb 18th - Mar 24th	Lent - No Flowers
Mar 31st	Easter Flowers
All arrangers please.	
April 7th /14th	Easter Flowers
April 21st /28th	Frances Brookes

#### Brass

March	Monica & Jane Simons
April	Jane & Monica Simons

\*\*\*\*\*

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

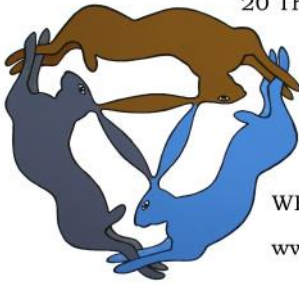
Now is eternal life,  
If risen with Christ we stand,  
In him to life reborn,  
And holden in his hand;  
No more we fear death's ancient dread,  
In Christ arisen from the dead.

G. W. Briggs 1875—1959



## THREE HARES GALLERY

20 The Square, Chagford, TQ13 8AB



Beautiful original paintings, local views, animals, birds & wildlife. Also prints & cards. Sculptures, ceramics, bronzes and gift items all made locally.

WE ALSO DO PICTURE FRAMING

www.threeharesgalleryshop.co.uk  
Tel: 01647 433287

## Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

Available to hire for Activities, Clubs, Meetings, Weddings, Parties, Shows etc.

We can offer a main hall with stage blocks, separate meeting room, modern kitchen, toilets, vestibule with accessible toilet and ample car parking.

Handy location for our historic village and church, with outstanding views.

Free wifi.

For more information and details of our competitive rates please contact Joy Tucker 07749 522996.



Architecture  
& Surveying

**PLANS**

*'Innovative and Sustainable Design'*

for new-build, conversions, alterations, extensions and change of use, etc.

Planning Permission,  
Listed Buildings & Conservation,  
Building Regulations,  
Party Wall Act,  
Specification & Contracts.

Professionally qualified. fully insured,  
est' 35 yrs, initial consultation **FOC**

**Philip Brown Associates**

Tel: **01837 53033** or **07721 498575**  
email: **pbrownassociates@btconnect.com**



**Goodwin Electrical Solutions**  
*Charlie Goodwin*

Contact:

Home: 01363 779598

Email: [charlie.ges@yahoo.com](mailto:charlie.ges@yahoo.com)

Domestic, Commercial & Agricultural

Crediton and surrounding areas

**Fully Qualified Electrician**



**Shields Buildings**

Do you need a bespoke timber garden building or garage?

See the large display of studios, offices, summerhouses, workshops, sheds and garages on show at:

de Bathe Farm, North Tawton, Devon, EX20 2BE

**01837 82442 | [www.shieldsbuildings.co.uk](http://www.shieldsbuildings.co.uk)**



**J Rogers**  
*Thatching*

Re-Thatching • Water Reed • Wheat Reed  
Ridging • Repairs & Restoration • Free Quotation

**[www.jrogersthatching.co.uk](http://www.jrogersthatching.co.uk)**  
**[jrogersthatching@gmail.com](mailto:jrogersthatching@gmail.com)**  
**07496 014771**

## PURE GREEN RURAL SERVICES

All aspects of fencing undertaken  
Hedgelaying  
Dry stone walling

No job too small

Please Call Ed 07956026511

[Puregreenruralservices@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Puregreenruralservices@hotmail.co.uk)

## ROUNABOUT DEADLINE:

**Community News, Articles, and Events** are published (free of charge) in any edition, but must be received by the Editors no later than noon on the 13th of the month before publication.



# north tawton pharmacy

*...at the heart of local healthcare*

## OPENING HOURS\*

**MONDAY to FRIDAY**

**9.00 AM - 5.30 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**9.00 AM - 1.00 PM**

**\*Pharmacist is not present 1.15-1.45 pm daily  
(no dispensing permitted at that time)**

**North Tawton Pharmacy, The Old Bank,  
The Square, North Tawton, EX20 2EW  
[www.norhtawtonpharmacy.co.uk](http://www.norhtawtonpharmacy.co.uk)  
[norhtawton.pharmacy@nhs.net](mailto:norhtawton.pharmacy@nhs.net)**

**t: 01837  
82824**



## Southwest Fixings Ltd

**Agricultural & Building Supplies  
Trade Counter**

- Oils and Adblue
  - Fencing Materials
  - Workwear & Boots
  - Calor Gas
  - Animal Health
  - Batteries
  - Animal Feed
  - Nuts & Bolts
  - Hydraulic Hoses
  - Timber
  - Drainage
  - Guttering
  - Plumbing
  - Tools
  - Paint
  - Tractor & Implement Parts
  - Fixings & Fastenings
- ...PLUS MANY MORE!

*Delivery available!*

**Tel: 01837 83492**

**Email: [sales@southwestfixings.co.uk](mailto:sales@southwestfixings.co.uk)**

**Website: [www.southwestfixings.co.uk](http://www.southwestfixings.co.uk)**

**Visit: Beechlea Industrial Est. Winkleigh, EX19 8DH**



**Open: Monday - Friday  
(7:30am - 5pm)  
Saturday (8am - 12noon)**