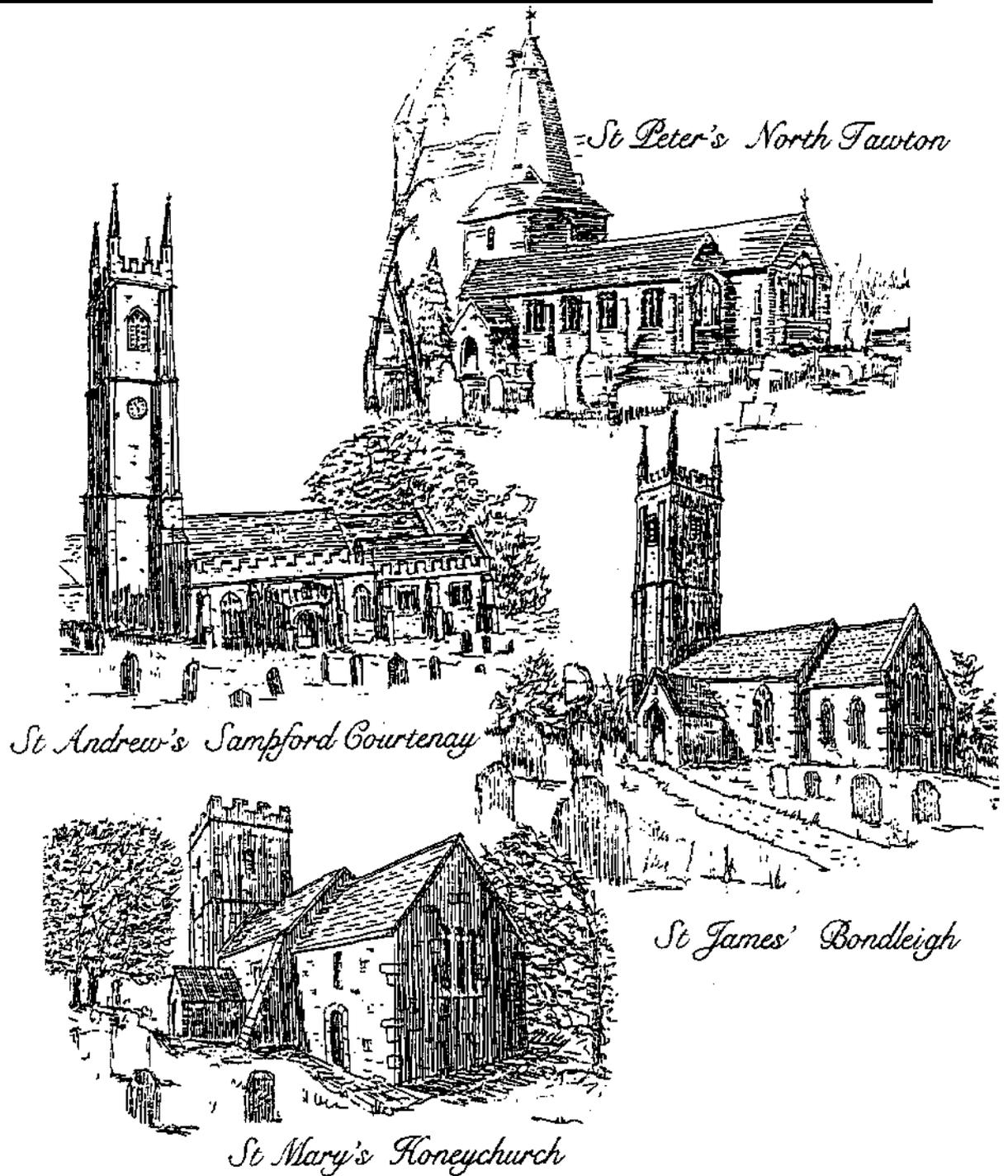


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From The Rectory

This is the year that over half the world's population will go to the polls to elect their governments. When you read this our nation will be about to vote in local elections and later this year we are promised our own general election. It is good to have so many billions of people giving their say in how their nations and communities are run. But at the same time, it is at the time of elections that we also see the divisions in societies come to the fore. For us, divisions such as rich and poor, rural and city, conservative and progressive.

Such divisions are everywhere in our world. We might point to the conflicts still raging today – we hear regularly about Gaza and Ukraine, but the Geneva Academy lists 110 ongoing armed conflicts. At the other end of the scale, we see divisions in the communities and families we are a part of and cause us sadness and regret. From nations down to individuals, humans seem to naturally create divisions.

But God has a plan! We are in the middle of the season of Easter which runs from Easter Sunday to the festival of Pentecost on 19th May. In both festivals the church remembers what Christians see as the beginning of the solution to human divisions.

At Easter we remember the world-changing event of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Speaking of the divisions between Jewish and non-Jewish people (both Jesus and Paul were Jewish), St Paul says:

Jesus's purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Part of Jesus's Easter work was to enable a new type of deep peace between people who had been long divided. The early church was a glorious and unprecedented, united community across this divide. The day of Pentecost also gives us a wonderful picture of God

overcoming divisions created by humans. As God sends the first Christians the gift of his Spirit – coming in the form of tongues of fire and a rushing wind – the gathered disciples praise God in different languages:

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ..."

This is a picture of the work of God's Spirit bringing together a people from every tribe and language and nation. Bringing together people separated by barriers of language by overcoming this barrier. God's plan was to heal the divisions which humanity has created through coming in Jesus and suffering himself the hate, violence, and injustice and so open a path the love, forgiveness, and peace.

What does this look like in practice? In Jesus, we find something so glorious, amazing, and good that as we look to him and marvel at him, we find that what unites us is so much more than what divides us, and our differences begin to fall away. The church is meant to be a people who have been loved so much by Jesus that that love overflows for each other. A unity that is so much more than just tolerance. Sadly, the church has not always kept up this vision of Jesus because the church too is full of fallible humans, but God promises that one day his vision will be achieved. Then his love will heal all divisions and all will be perfect peace and unity through all creation. In the meantime, let's continue to do all we can, with God's help, to bring peace and reconciliation to the divisions we see among us.

David Spence

Date for your diary:

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

Another Diary Date For Your Diary:

BONDLEIGH
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more details on Page 11

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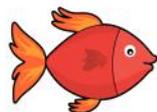
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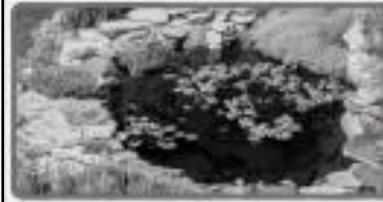
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and we have a Facebook page at North Tawton community land trust.



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Cemetery Matters (Exeter Street)

Following the Cemetery memorial inspection carried out by an external qualified contractor in 2023, the Council has been unable to contact next of kin for the following headstones. Under the exclusive right of burial, the grave owner or their next of kin are responsible to maintain the headstone/memorial. For the Council to meet its legal obligations with regards to health and safety, if next of kin for the following headstones are not traced by 31st May 2024, the council's appointed contractor, FJ Stevens & Son, Stone Masons, will lower (sink) each headstone into the ground, **in an upright position, leaving a height of less than 625mm above ground level**, thereby making it 'safe', at taxpayers' expense totalling £980.00

If you have any concerns or identify as next of kin or have any information in relation to next of kin for the following graves, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.

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F83 Dorothy & Reginald STEVENS

C174 Ivy ALLEN

C229 William HILL

D188 Elsie ROUNSELY

F95 Arthur MALLETT

F149 Laura & Honor ADAMS

F222 Monica & Lionel BLACKWELL

F2227 Francis & Mabel CROSSMAN

B111 Valery HELMAN

D149/D150 Emma & Florence NINNIS

G134 William & Bessie MATTHEWS

C133 John PIKE

G143 George HAMLIN

D46 Catherine ADAMS

F45 Albert WILLCOCKS

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E20 Winifred HILL

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Next Council Meeting in Tuesday 7th May 2024, 7.30pm Town Council Office. The Council offers an open forum between 7.15 and 7.30, and eight 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 months meeting, please contact the Clerk at least eight days before the meeting.

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Made my first ever simnel cake this Easter. How hard could it be? A fruit cake with marzipan applied in strategic places. Consulted Mary Berry and Delia. The fruit cake bit went well so far as ingredients, mixing and transferring into the prepared tin. And then it happened. It 'peaked'. Instead of staying 'spirit level' evenly flat, the top was very rounded. Not happy. Husband suggested cutting the top off/turning it over – there wouldn't have been much cake left to marzipan. So I battled on. Applied the top layer of marzipan. Okay so far. Time to apply my 11 disciples. They rolled off. I squashed them back on. Don't think 'flattened' disciples will win any baking awards.

Ever visited the Museum of Dartmoor Life in Okehampton? Husband and I spent several fascinating hours there a couple of years ago. Kristy Turner – the manager /curator of this lovely little gem - was our April speaker and she came armed with a superb presentation which went into incredible detail about the history of the building/the people/the collections and her plans for the future. So, here's a few random facts to encourage you to visit if you haven't.

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We've had guests in our spare bedroom since the beginning of January. They're very quiet. Wouldn't really know they're there. They just lie there. Chitting. Husband stares at them and mutters to himself. Never before have weather forecasts been met with such deep groans of despair. Never before have the seed spuds been such a tense topic of conversation. And don't mention buying pasta or rice instead. I made that mistake recently. Quite innocently. Tried to gloss over my error. Tried to move the conversation on. But the damage was done. His expression said it all. 'My wife doesn't understand me'

Sue Knott

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News from the Moor



Hi everyone,

As I write this update, there is a rare day of sunshine after what has been a very tricky Easter holiday with several days of high winds and weather warnings. We have had to close on quite a few days in order to make sure our staff, volunteers and visitors are kept safe. On a more positive note, the various trails have been very popular when we have been able to open and there have been lots of happy families taking part in the activities hidden around the grounds and gardens.

Easter weekend was nicely busy at all of our places and, once again, huge thanks to our neighbours who have been so welcoming and patient with our visitors trying to get to us and find somewhere to park. We chatted with several local folks who had come out for a nice early walk or horse ride before the crowds arrive – it really helps us to manage the car park and entrance areas. May will bring another two bank holiday Mondays so thanks again in advance to our locals for their support.

In other news, we are just starting a project in collaboration with Oxford University focused on the way stately home nurseries were used during the Second World War. The nurseries at Castle Drogo were used for children evacuated from large cities such as Liverpool and London with 45 children relocated to the safety of Drogo. We have some photographs, letters and articles about life at Drogo during this time but we would love to hear about any other local stories or memories related to this.

The nursery school at Castle Drogo was run by Mary Drewe and Miss Brotherston, who later both relocated to Exmouth to set up a school there. We are also keen to hear from people who might remember this; in particular, from people who remember Mary and Miss Brotherston – what were they like? What are your memories of them? If there is anything you would like to share, please do drop me a line or pop in to chat with the team.

Finally, a very early date for your diary. The annual celebration of St. Clement, the patron saint of blacksmiths, will be taking place at Finch Foundry on Saturday 23 November. We are once again hosting our local blacksmiths as they mark this special day full of demonstrations, dancing and the traditional firing of the anvil. We'd love to see you there so please save the date.

Best wishes everyone,

Paula

Volunteering & Community
Manager, Dartmoor

07826 945107, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm,
North Tawton Community Centre

Graham and Towse Harrison will present an
entertaining talk on

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The talk will give insight into how the Romans
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The Guides and Rangers
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A General Knowledge Quiz

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SAMPFORD COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

GRAND OPENING

An opportunity to celebrate the completion of recent refurbishments at the hall.
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Saturday 22nd June 2pm



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News From North Tawton Community Primary School



North Tawton Park

Our Year Six children have been designing and constructing models of parks in Design and Technology lessons. They have used saws, glue guns and lots of creativity! They shared their designs with the whole school to start the conversation about our own North Tawton Park. The Town Council has a working party looking at how to best maintain and redesign the park equipment and facilities. All of the pupils have been asked:

What is the best thing about the park?

What would you like to see there to make it better?

Our children are looking forward to presenting their ideas to the group for consideration at the next Town Council meeting.

Please add your voice to the consultation. There is a link to a short questionnaire in the North Tawton School newsletter which can be found on the school website under School News.

Do see our school website for class blogs and our latest news.

Tara Penny Principal





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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.

11th May 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Please bring all items in prior to 12 noon, the earlier you bring them, the more likely we are to be able to look at them that day!

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

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

If you'd like to find out about volunteering your skills, then please drop in or call Ruth.



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It has been a privilege to be your GP and I hope over the years I have helped some of you through your difficult times.

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18th May

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The website is managed by **Julie Carpenter** who can be
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May 2024 SC Parish Council Meeting
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followed by :-
8 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is a legacy from the Middle Ages, when Local Councils did not exist, and all local decision making was carried out by meetings of the whole community, taking place in the church vestry. It is open to all electors in the Parish, who have the right to attend and speak on local matters of interest. In a parish with a local parish council, the Chair of that Council must, if they are present, take the Chair.

This year, the Annual Parish meeting will consider the Parish Council priorities and ask parishioners for their thoughts and ideas. For example - renovating the Play area – adding exercise equipment ? There will be a local speaker – please look out for more details on the notice boards and the website:

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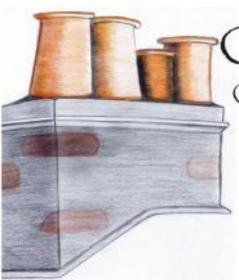

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Future events include a drama competition, cinema and theatre trips. The winner of something from Devon was Vera Collins and the flower of the month winner was Gillian Townsend Green.

The next meeting will be at Exbourne Village Hall on the 14th May at 7p.m. with music and dancing from The Winkleigh Morris Dancers.

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Liz Moir

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The next date is Thursday May 23rd



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.



Libraries Unlimited -
Home Library Service in Devon



Have you just moved into the area and would like to find some way of meeting people and helping your new community?

Or are you unable to get to the library?

Devon Libraries has a wonderful free service for readers who are unable to get to the library because of health, mobility or caring responsibilities (this could just be a temporary or long-term situation). It is called the Home Library Service, where volunteers deliver books and audiobooks to the client in their own home or care setting, then collect and return them to the library.

I have been co-ordinating this service in the Okehampton area for many years now and my team and I are always happy to see if our service will help new clients. Those interested in becoming a volunteer have an informal chat with me and a member of staff at the library to talk through the role. There is then an application process which will include a DBS check as the role does include regular contact with vulnerable groups. Then following the volunteer application process, a prospective volunteer would have the opportunity to shadow one of my team on a Home Library visit.

Many clients are able to choose and order their own books online. But for those who are unable to do this, the Home Library volunteer will discuss client preferences with them, the genres of books and authors they like and choose items from library stock or order titles from the library catalogue for them.

One benefit of being with the service is that you can borrow books and audiobooks for six weeks at a time and there is no charge for ordering titles from Devon Libraries stock.

Devon Libraries also offers a 'Good Neighbours' membership for friends, neighbours and family wishing to choose and deliver books to people not able to get to the library. Good Neighbours membership has various benefits ensuring library services are available to all - for more details contact your local library.

Our Home Library team is a small and friendly group and we would love to help more people, so we welcome volunteers and clients. Visits are very individual, some clients may need a visit every fortnight, some may only need a visit every few months. We liaise to suit both the client and the volunteer.

Jan Goffey HLS Co-ordinator

To receive the service or become a Home Library Service volunteer contact Okehampton Library either by email

okehampton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or phone 0183752805

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Church Flowers & Brass

Sampford Courtenay

May Barbara Smith
June Lynn Robinson

Honeychurch

May Mary Pyle
June Sue Svédang

Bondleigh

May 5th /12th Carol Jones
May 19th / 26th Lin Warre
June 2nd / 9th Bridget Higgs
June 16th / 23rd Margaret Bridgman
June 30th Rose Smith

North Tawton

Flowers

May 5th / 12th Hilary Edwards
May 19th / 26th Greta Stoneman
June 2nd / 9th Nicky Buckett /
Jill Whiteley
June 16th / 23rd Anita Lamey
June 30th Sue Knott/
Ro Davies

Brass

May Frances Brookes
June Nicky Buckett /
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North Tawton Residents

Would anyone be interested in joining the rota to do church flowers?

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If you would like to go on the rota please phone Sue Gray 01837 82464

Pause for thought

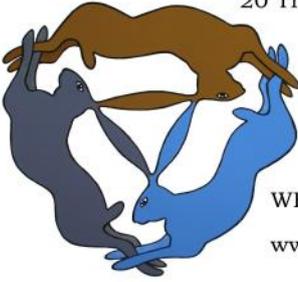
The eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are open wide,
The King of Glory is gone up
Unto his Father's side.

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A gleam of glory lies,
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