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From The Rectory

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour... (1 Timothy 2)

I wonder if you would start here? When the apostle Paul comes to give instructions on how to worship God, the very first thing he urges us to do is to pray for those in government. It's a challenge to us now just after a general election – to pray for God to help and guide our new government even if they are the last people we might have voted for.

But you see, Paul would definitely not have voted for his government. Well, he had no say in who governed him anyway. He got the Roman emperor whether he liked it or not. The Roman Empire had occupied his homeland and most of the known world – and they were not liked! The emperor when Paul was writing was Nero – Wikipedia says of Nero: “Most Roman sources offer overwhelmingly negative assessments of his personality and reign”! Nero is famous for burning Christians alive as torches and using them as scapegoats for the Great Fire of Rome. Early Christians sources all agree that Paul was put to death by Nero. So, it is quite astounding that Paul says to start worshipping God by praying for this man! To

even give thanks for him.

We have many reasons to give thanks for our government. What a privilege it is to have good and stable government seeking the best for our nation. On election night it was noticeable that many MPs spoke of their role in terms of serving the people. Paul says elsewhere that a ruler's primary work under God is to ensure justice and fairness – and without someone in authority there would be chaos and anarchy. Thank God that people have offered themselves to lead us – not just in government in Westminster, but at all levels down to our hardworking town and parish councils. Paul wants us to pray for the government so that they serve us well. That they might create an environment that means that all people can thrive – experiencing peace and being allowed to get on with their lives, including being able to live their lives for God. Surely, we should follow Paul's advice – whether we voted Labour, or not. Even if we are fed up with all politicians. Paul could pray with thankfulness for Nero, so let us pray together for Keir Starmer and his government as they begin the difficult task of leading us.

David Spence



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

There is no Tuesday Chat in August

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

**Sunday, 28th July @ 11 a.m.
St. James's Patronal Festival Service,
St. James's Church, Bondleigh**

Members of Sampford Courtenay Choir will be joining us - come along at 10.30 a.m. to enjoy breakfast refreshments before the service.

North Street Chapel

Coffee and Chat

Next meeting THURSDAY 8th August

10-11.30 a.m.

LITTLE FISHES

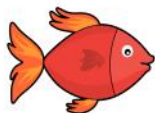
Toddler Group

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.

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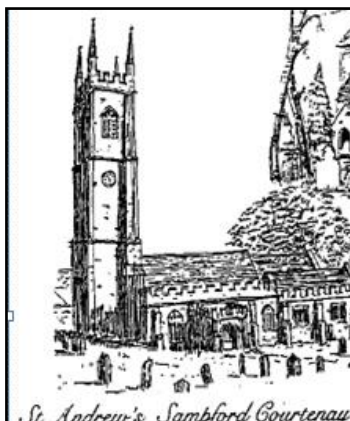
Malcolm Craig would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the cheque and other gifts to mark his retirement as Churchwarden at St. Andrew's.

Nicky Craig would also like to thank all who came to her aid following her fall recently in the Church Rooms especially Martin Morgan-Broom and Claudia Moesel.



Performers at the first Tawland Music Festival which took place at The Rugby Club on July 13th.

Full report on page 20.



Sampford Courtenay Bell Ringers will be hosting their annual striking competition at St. Andrew's on the afternoon of Sat 10th Aug, by kind permission of the vicar and church wardens.

Ringling between 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Roundabout

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Councillor Vacancy

The current vacancy can be filled by co-option. The closing date for applications is Monday 29th July. Co-option details and application form are available on the council website or via the Town clerk.

Deputy Town Clerk Vacancy

The Town clerk is reducing her hours by 12 hours per week and the council is looking to appoint a Deputy Town Clerk to work those 12 hours. Full details and application form are available on the council website and via the Town Clerk. Closing date for applications 2nd August 2024.

Cemetery Extension

We have finally received planning permission for the cemetery extension, this is now in the hands of solicitors to oversee the exchange of land via a land swap and once completed, works will commence to lay out the cemetery extension which will include an eventual green burial area.

Christmas lights in the Square

The council has agreed a contract with MHLS Ltd, Okehampton, to provide festive lighting around The Square. Thank you to the working party for all of their efforts in liaising with the contractor to make this possible. The Council is considering options for a 'lighting up' event with a potential lead-up competition, the winner of which may switch on the lights.

Petitions Policy

North Tawton Town Council welcomes petitions and recognises that they are one way in which people can let us know of their concerns and requests to improve their parish. The Town Council will only act on parishioner requests where it is proven, by way of a petition, that it has the support of a minimum number of parishioners. Petitions submitted to the Council must be about an issue the Town Council has some control or influence in accordance with our regulated powers. The policy is available on the Council website or via the Town Clerk.

Live-Streaming Council Meetings

The Council has resolved to live-stream future council meetings as soon as the relevant equipment has been identified and purchased. This is a work in progress, and we will publish details once our meetings are ready to be live-streamed.

CPR& Defibrillator Awareness Session

Southwest Ambulance Service will be holding a free session in the Town Hall on Thursday 19th September 6-8 p.m. No need to book, just turn up.

Snow Warden

Please contact the Town Clerk if you wish to volunteer – all training provided free.

North Tawton needs a Snow Warden volunteer(s) to be the key point of contact between Devon County Council (DCC) and the local community and is primarily a co-ordination role. The Snow Warden is working on behalf of the NTTC, not DCC, and will deliver winter maintenance support, determined by NTTC, to their community. This includes:

- Ordering grit supplies
- Keeping a register of local trained volunteers
- Receiving and responding locally to weather alerts
- Organising and deploying volunteers to clear snow
- Organising and deploying volunteers to spread grit when icy conditions are forecast
- Encourage responsible use of grit/salt and help to minimise the abuse of grit/salt within communities

The Snow Warden must:

- be nominated as suitable by the town council
- have received suitable training by DCC to carry out minor works
- agree to work within the advice provided by the county council
- agree to work to the Town council's plan that has been agreed with DCC
- be registered with DCC

In the unlikely event of a claim, DCC will cover the public liability aspect of insurance for voluntary work on the public highway or footway, providing it is undertaken in a safe manner according to DCC advice.

Our full Council Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, 7.30 p.m. Town Council Office.

Melanie Bickell, Town Clerk

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

It's happened. We've done it. We've passed the brink. We are now a household with an air fryer. The mountain of debate and prevarication is now 'water under Taw Bridge'. An interesting difference has also arisen between the Knotts. The decision about whether [or not] to read the little book of instructions. Simply put – I am an instruction reader, husband isn't. The very nice lady in the air fryer shop told us that, so far, they have had very few people complaining that their air fryer has gone wrong. She then looked at us very directly and whispered – 'it's usually down to user error and not following the instructions'. I'm pretty sure that she was aiming that particular bit of wisdom at husband. I can read his mind though – and I know he was thinking 'that obviously doesn't apply to me'. So tell me. Has any other husband out there suggested putting a new tub of ice cream in the microwave 'just for a few seconds cos I can't get the spoon in it'? Just a small example of his culinary prowess. Needless to say - the instructions have been read. He has sat a small exam [and passed]. He is licenced to air fry.

Richard Edwards has also passed his air fryer exam. But he wasn't here to talk about that. He was here to tell us about 'The Chapel Royal'. Richard trained as a musician, subsequently teaching at the City of London School and was a member of the Chapel Royal for 26 years. The Chapel was originally a group of clergy and musicians whose role was to serve the spiritual needs of the Sovereign and has existed since before the Norman Conquest. In its early years it accompanied the Monarch wherever it went, going to Agincourt with Henry V and following the Sovereign around the country to whichever Palace or great house was in favour during the Tudor period. In Stuart times it came to rest at St. James's and Whitehall Palaces, but following the fire which destroyed Whitehall Palace it has been exclusively based at St. James's where there are 2 chapels in the Palace complex. The Chapel Royal was built by Henry VIII and decorated by Hans Holbein. Beneath the choir-stalls is buried the heart of Mary I, and Charles I spent his last night in a room in the gatehouse, now used as the choir practice room, before descending to take Communion in the Chapel and walking across the park to be executed. Queen Victoria was also married here. The Queen's Chapel, across the road from the Chapel Royal, was built by James I. The choir consists of 6 Gentlemen-in-Ordinary who are professional singers and 10 boy choristers who hold scholarships at the City of London School. Their main duty is to sing the weekly choral service in one of the 2 chapels on Sunday mornings and on the major feasts of the Christian year. They sing regularly at annual occasions such as Remembrance Day and the Royal Maundy ceremony, and have sung at weddings, baptisms and funerals of members of the Royal Family including the funerals of the Queen Mother and Princess Diana. A fascinating talk – to the accompaniment of photographs, pictures and samples of music.

The Mystery has been solved. Guesses ranged from the Lost Gardens of Heligan, via Stourhead Gardens to shopping in Cardiff. All wrong. We started off with a coffee stop at Quince Honey Farm, South Molton, then it was on to Lynton and Lynmouth. With plenty of time for a stroll around, a ride on the cliff railway, a walk out to the Valley of the Rocks and lots of ice cream. Take it from Carol B – the Turkish Delight flavour was divine. Then it was off to a watering hole in Wheddon Cross for a carvery. And the sun shone. All day. As it should when you're on a Mystery Trip. Our coach drivers' skills were put to the test several times but he was rewarded with bursts of applause and shouts of appreciation and the sound of happy chatting on the coach was as loud on the way home as on the way up. Just enough time for a good night's sleep, a bowl of Crunchy Nut Cornflakes, swiftly followed by a Glass Fusion workshop. The results were simply stunning. Very artistic – very professional.

It was time. We stood. We looked. He wielded his 'special potato digger' – and we held our breath. I don't think we made quite as much noise as when Ollie Watkins scored that very late winning goal in the Euro semi-final but it wasn't far off. They must have heard us in Bondleigh. There they were. Potato gold. I looked at husband. He looked at me.

I think it's called 'having a moment'.

Sue Knott



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EVENTS

August

Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers 6th July - 14th September

Sign up at any time during library opening hours, to this year's Summer Reading Challenge, it's free. The theme for this year's Challenge is 'Marvellous Makers', developed by the Reading Agency in partnership with a leading arts charity, Create. It's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. When you have finished you will automatically be entered into our prize draw.

We also have a *Treasure Hunt* to find the Marvellous Makers, and an *activity table* in the children's library – All FREE.

Dot Painting Craft - Friday 9th August 14:00-15:00

Join us to use your creative skills and create some fantastic dot patterns on wooden creatures. You can then take home your wonderful designs with you! £2.50 per child, spaces limited so please book in advance through the library or Eventbrite. Suitable for ages 5+.

Drum Devon Family Workshop – Wednesday 14th August 14:00-15:30

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Pharma Derma Blood Pressure Checks – Thursday 15th August 09:00-13:00

Members of the team from PharmaDerma will be available in the library to offer blood pressure checks to the community and to help identify people with undiagnosed high blood pressure. This is a free drop-in session open to all.

Ten Wee Devon Pints – Monday 19 August 12:00-13:00

Fun & varied collection of new clarinet music written by local composers celebrating Devon, its people & its beers. Performed by award winning clarinetist Sarah Watts. Introduced by actor Jon Iles (The Bill, Doctors). Followed by informal discussion. Funded by the University of Plymouth the project aims to promote civic local pride & create live music performances for all. Refreshments available for a donation.

Mama G Storytime – Thursday 22nd August 10:00

Mama G will be sharing original stories and songs, and some of the best picture books on the market, in an uplifting story time for the whole family. There'll be dancing and giggles galore as Mama G shares the power of being who you want and loving who you are! Described as "Everyone's favourite pantomime dame," (Metro), Mama G has been telling stories for the last six years. In that time, she has been a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent, performed her show Off-Broadway, and performed at libraries, festivals, prides, museums and theatres all over the UK.

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Marvellous Music Makers – Tuesday 27th August 14:30-15:30

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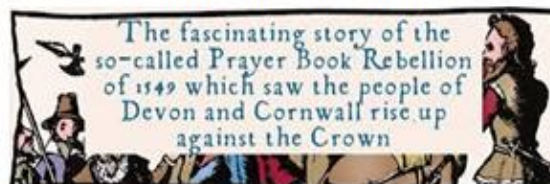
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A Murderous Midsummer



Friday 16th August 4pm

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June was a dry month with only 19.3 mm.
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July has continued cool but with more rain.

Danny Semorad

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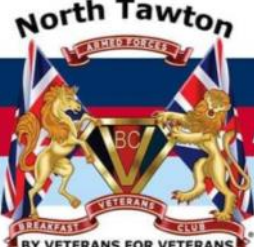
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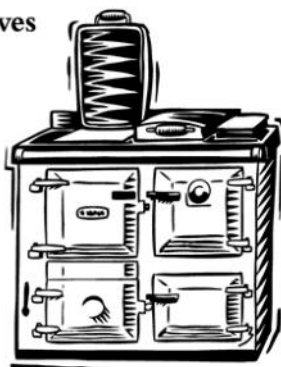
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<https://northtawtonlibraryofthings.myturn.com/library/>

Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI

The President welcomed members to the July meeting. There was a change of format to our normal meeting as we were going to have to wait for our speaker to finish his voluntary work for the evening first. Five members had recently taken a very enjoyable guided tour of Torrington Town organised by the Devon Federation.

Nearly all the group will visit Old Glebe, Eggesford, part of the National Garden Scheme, in August, as there will not be a meeting.

The July walk will be along the Granite way, starting at Okehampton Station.

Chaos ensued as members attempted to have a Beetle Drive, many making up their own rules!

But the evening was saved when our speaker arrived on a Blood Bike to give a very informative talk about the voluntary self-funded work the Blood Bikes carry out and was able to answer many questions posed by the ladies. Members were even given a chance to try out the bike for size, he was thanked by Cherry.

Liz Moir



21st September at 7.30 p.m.,

The Crystal Jacqueline Acoustic Band
Along with her partner Andy Marshall (Icarus Peel), Crystal Jacqueline spent several years in the Middle East and on cruise ships working as a professional musician before returning to settle once again in Devon. She has continued making music and plays throughout the country. She has recorded 5 albums for the Mega Dodo record label and several sides for Fruits De Mer Records. For this concert, she is planning to focus on the softer side, acoustic guitars and plaintive oboe will help add an ethereal element to the evening. She will be backed by Wells Cathedral chorister Victoria Reyes along with bass and percussion. Some may remember a few years ago when she performed in the chapel at Broad Nymett with Tir Na Nog and Kitty McFarlane. A similarly magical experience is anticipated in the beautiful St. James's church in Bondleigh.

(See page 15 for more details)

Doors

THE ART BOX – August 2024

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Celebrating Community and Showcasing Talent at North Tawton's First Tawland Music Festival!

On 13th July, we had the pleasure of hosting an open mic stage at North Tawton's first-ever Tawland Music Festival. The day was a huge success, blessed with sunny weather, nonstop music, delicious food, fun family activities, and a great sense of community. The event featured 11 acts across 2 open lorry stages, thanks to Gregory Distribution's generosity.

We want to say a big thank you to Tawland Events CIC for inviting us to showcase talents from our regular open mic sessions, held every second Wednesday of the month, hosted by Cathy Page and Wez Cutler, with expert sound engineering by Oren Ford of Spirit Sounds Studios. For some of our performers, the Tawland Music Festival was a fantastic chance for them to shine on a much larger stage.

Special shoutouts to Cathy Page, Wez Cutler, Kate Dixon, Muzz Murray, FiddleFit, Andrew Cutler, Noah Smith, and DJ Sharkie for their wonderful performances on the Red Mud Arts open mic stage, which ran in between main stage Southwest acts like Mariners Away, Alysha Vine, Sundog Slide, The Strange and the Beautiful, The Wreckords, and headliners, Diving for Pearls. The event showcased a range of musical styles, from sea shanties and folk to bluegrass, indie, pop, and rock.

We're lucky to have such fantastic events in our town, made possible by dedicated organisers and volunteers. Special thanks to Tawland Events CIC, our Red Mud Arts team, North Tawton Events, Gregory Distribution for the stages, and all the other local businesses for their kind contributions. Here's to many more unforgettable festivals in North Tawton!

Written by Cathy Page, co-founder Red Mud Arts

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The Parish Council June meeting had a full agenda that included the co-option of a new parish councillor, the adoption of the 2024/25 priorities and updates on current activities.

At the meeting, Andrew Green was co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council as a councillor and the Chair, Cllr. Michele Wilson thanked those parishioners who had registered an interest in the vacant position. Andrew's profile will be posted onto the Sampford Courtenay website in due course.

One question received from the public referred to the annual Himalayan Balsam clean up project on July 6th. The Chair reaffirmed the Parish Council's administrative support for the project. Volunteers are needed for the day and details are available on the Sampford Courtenay website. www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk

The Council approved the 6 Parish Council priorities for Sampford Courtenay 2024/25. Each priority area will scope out its own action plans and timescales with individual Councillors taking the lead in ensuring the projects are developed throughout the year. For example – Priority 3 – Village Green development actions will be led by Cllr. Mike Carpenter with assistance from the Clerk, Malcolm Harris. Priority 6. Supporting the Agricultural and Rural Business priorities are to be led by Cllrs. James McIlwraith and Tom Squire.

The full 6 priorities are:

1. Safer Roads
2. Historic Heritage
3. Development of the Village Green
4. Sampford Courtenay Station
5. Public Toilet Improvements
6. Supporting Agricultural and Rural Business.

At the meeting Cllr. Michele Wilson gave a verbal update on the recent successful Prayer Book Rebellion events and gave thanks to the volunteers who had organised and supported the events. The PBR475 Steering group in their debrief of the project have set into place further commemorative events. The website – sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk has all the details of the forthcoming events. It was suggested that a public meeting be convened to discuss the use of the funds raised through the events and currently held in the Parish Council earmarked funds account.

Please take a look at the website for further information on the activities of the Parish Council. The Council thanks Julie Carpenter for her invaluable work maintaining and updating our information to the parishioners via the sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk Parish Council link and of course to the editors of the monthly Roundabout !

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Community lunch Tues. 15th Oct. 12.30 p.m.

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Hi everyone

I hope that you are all well. Every month, I seem to start with a weather-related note. As I write, July has turned into October. Will summer ever appear? The garden team are having to work extra hard at the moment to keep the gardens looking fabulous in tricky weather conditions.

It has been another busy month across Dartmoor. Since my last update, despite the decidedly dodgy weather, we have had a flurry of fantastic visitors coming out and getting involved at all of the National Trust places on Dartmoor. The guided tours at Finch have been very popular with visitors enjoying the sounds of the machinery running. People have been making the most of the rain at Lydford as it makes for a very impressive White Lady waterfall. The new trails at Drogo have been very popular with crocheted versions of Drewe family pets to find, scent bottles to sniff and top hats to try on.

Thank you to everyone who spread the word about the shuttle bus we ran during Great Big Green Week. As the week went on, we had more and more people using the service and we gathered some really helpful feedback and insight into what people want and need. It was such a shame that the bus broke down on the Wednesday and huge apologies to anyone out there who was waiting for the bus to arrive.

We are getting ready for the school holidays with a summer of playful trails and activities lined up. We also have an outdoor performance of Doctor Dolittle taking place at Drogo on Sunday 25th August. Tickets are available via The Plough in Torrington. Please do your sunshine dance so we have nice weather!

Finally, we were really pleased to tap into some DEFRA funds, co-ordinated by Dartmoor National Park Authority, to start improving the visitor experience for disabled people and people with additional needs at Fingle Bridge. The first stage of an accessible footpath into the upstream meadow at Fingle Bridge has been created, reaching an open glade picnic area where accessible benches will be located to enable visitors to connect with nature and enjoy Fingle with ease. This is part of our "Everyone welcome" strategy, the National Trust's commitment to inclusivity and diversity. We have plans for further work to be completed in stages over the next couple of years as we secure further funding, but this first stage is a good move in the right direction.

Take care everyone.

Kind regards, **Paula**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
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The Den Brook Community Fund invites Charities, Community Groups and Not-for-Profit organisations who are based in the parishes listed below, to apply for grants which will provide some assistance towards meeting the costs of new Capital Projects.

**Den Brook
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Fund**

The deadline for receipt of applications for this round of funding is **31st July 2024**.

As a guide, the total amounts available to cover the current round *and* the 2025 winter round of funding are likely to be –

Bow - £16,500

South Tawton - £17,000

Zeal Monachorum - £6,000

North Tawton - £44,500

Spreyton £4,000

An "Easy Guide", Full Terms and Conditions and our new Application Form are available by e-mail from denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com or from North Tawton Town Council Office,
14a The Square North Tawton EX20 2EP

The Den Brook Community Fund is administered by representatives of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton, & Zeal Monachorum Town and Parish Councils.

A Potted History of “Twinning” or “Jumelage”.

Why do we see local signs saying “North Tawton twinned with Blangy Le Chateau” and “Lapford twinned with Grainville Langannerie”, or even “Crediton twinned with Avranches”?

When did it all start and why?

Town/Village twinning, was an official relationship-builder, started in Europe after the second world war. The idea was simple: repair damaged relationships between France, Germany and the UK. Find towns that suffered during the wars and pair them. Then encourage people from these areas to meet, mix and get along.

One of the first UK cities to “twin” was Coventry which twinned with Stalingrad and later with Dresden as an act of peace and reconciliation, all three cities having been heavily bombed during the war.

Locally, “twinning” had another impetus in the 1970’s after the UK joined the Common Market in 1973.

Whoever made the choices of which town/village to twin with which, personally I think, did an excellent job.

North Tawton’s Twin in Normandy, Blangy Le Chateau, is a picturesque town/village with a stream running down the centre of the main street. There is a Primary School and an Agricultural college, a Fire Station, and a Football Club all of whom enjoyed many exchanges with our own primary school, Firemen and Football team in the early days.

Grainville Langannerie is a typical rural French Village close to the Normandy beaches and the heart of Calvados country.

Twinning was a chance to broaden perspectives – both culturally, linguistically and, socially. Spending time with our hosts in their own homes and experiencing their own customs and day to day way of life that you would not experience staying at a hotel.

However, recently members of North Tawton and Friends of Grainville Langanneie have dwindled, as we have all got “older”, new CRB check rules have made it more difficult for schools to exchange with each other, and as cheap travel has become more widely available and communications links have improved, families travel to France more easily without the necessity of belonging to a Twinning Group.

Membership numbers have dwindled to such an extent that the North Tawton Twinning is no longer in existence, but several couples from North Tawton have bolstered the Lapford/Friends of Langannerie group who will next year celebrate **50 Years of French Exchanges** with a visit to France in May.

They are also organising a **Big Breakfast on Saturday Oct 19th** in Lapford Village Hall, to help raise funds to cover the cost of any trips, visits or functions held when the French make a return visit in 2026. How much longer this group will continue will depend on us finding new “younger” members to carry on this warm and friendly tradition – a chance to experience another culture not so dissimilar to our own with friends both English and French.

If you are interested in becoming one of those new members please get in touch with Marion Pratt – marion174@btinternet.com or 01837 82285

Or Stacey Lumsdon 07891556884 to book in for the Big Breakfast and come and chat to some of the current members.



SAVE the DATE

6th October - Charity Tea Dance with South West Lindy Hoppers

We have a vintage singer, Cream Teas, Cake and Tea plus a lesson with us come and learn this fantastic dance and be entertained as well. Step back in time with us to the 1940s when life was so much simpler!

Raising funds for North Tawton British Legion is our aim and it is so important to support this charity which in turn supports the veterans of our armed forces. Prize Draw which last year included a Cream Tea at the Mill Hotel in Chagford, Tickets for Castle Drogo and Rosemoor Gardens plus lots more donated from business in the town and surrounding area.

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AUGUST SERVICES at
St. Peter's Church
North Tawton

4th August 11 a.m. Morning Worship
11th August 11 a.m. Informal Communion
18th August 11 a.m. Family Service
25th August 11 a.m. Traditional Morning Prayer

AUGUST SERVICES at
St. Andrew's Church
Sampford Courtenay

4th August 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship
11th August 9.30 a.m. Communion
18th August 6.00 p.m. Commemorative PBR Choral Evensong
25th August 9.30 a.m. Communion

AUGUST SERVICES at
St. James's Church Bondleigh

4th August 9.30 a.m. Communion Service
18th August 9.30 a.m. Communion Service

AUGUST SERVICES at
St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

4th August 3 p.m. Evensong / Communion

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North Street Chapel Sundays
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Contact: Mr. R. Sampson 07835 033062

August 4th -11a.m. Special service - Lee Friend
August 11th - 11a.m. - Breaking of Bread
August 18th - 3p.m. Tea and Praise - Derick & Jackie Hooper
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REGULAR EVENTS



ADULTS:

Friends of Okehampton Library – Meet monthly
Are you interested in becoming a friend of your library?
Anyone is welcome to get involved and support the library, organising or helping with events, encouraging use of the library, and supporting fundraising activities.

Cuppa & A Chat - Tuesdays 13:30-15:30

Enjoy a natter with other customers. Refreshments are available. Just drop in.

Read Easy – First Tuesday of every month 10:00-12:00

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

CHILDREN:

Stay & Play – Mondays 10:00-11:00 (term-time only)

A fun, free play session for under 5s. Come to play and socialise.

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Read to Rafa – Tuesdays 15:45 -16:45

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Bounce & Rhyme - Tuesdays 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20

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FREE self-weigh facilities for parents to weigh their babies are available in a screened area within the library. This is in partnership with Devon Public Health Nursing. No booking necessary. Parents and babies welcome to stay for Bounce & Rhyme!

Duplo Builders & Storytime - Wednesdays 09:30–10:15

Suitable for under 5s. FREE, no booking necessary.

Lego Builders - Saturdays 10:30–11:30

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Please see our library website or Facebook page for any additional events and library ser-

Church Flowers & Brass

Sampford Courtenay

August

Jeanette Baker

September

Rosemary Lowe

Honeychurch

August

Karen Squire

September

Marilyn Weeks

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Aug 4th

Cath Pettyfer

Aug 11th / 18th

Helen Ruby

Aug 25th / Sept 1st

Jane Semorad

Sept 8th / 15th

Jacqui Bourne

Sept 22nd / 29th

Julie Wilson

North Tawton

Flowers

Aug 4th

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Aug 25th / Sept 1st

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August

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September

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August

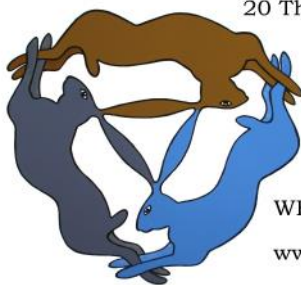
The city dwellers all complain
When August comes and brings no rain.
The pavements burn upon their feet;
Temper and temperature compete.
They mop their brows, they slow their pace,
And wish they were some other place.

The farmers do not mind the heat;
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