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From The Rectory

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:15-17)

"Jesus loves the little children" – I remember singing at Sunday School – and how true we see that is in this little incident from Jesus' life. Jesus welcomes the children to come to him. His followers thought Jesus was too important and busy to give time to babies and children, but Jesus not only welcomed them, but said that we can actually learn from children.

Jesus tells us that we need to receive the kingdom of God like a child. The kingdom of God here is short for all the good things God wants to give us – help, healing, hope and forgiveness. And Jesus tells us we need to receive it as a child. Now as a parent I know that sometimes children receive gifts in a grabby and greedy way – but that's not what Jesus has in mind here. He is thinking about the complete trust that children naturally have. Children know they are utterly dependant on others and are open in their trust of the adults in their lives.

Here is how Jesus teaches us to relate to our heavenly

Father too. With complete trust in his loving goodness, recognizing that we are dependent completely on him for every good thing. And that is hard for most of us adults! This is reflected in the Lord's Prayer (here the shorter version that Luke records) – notice how it is all about us coming to God with that child-like trust and dependence.

*'Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.'*

Toast Church

As local churches we also want to follow Jesus' call to welcome in the little children. St. Peter's church in North Tawton has recently started a new service aimed at under-7s called Toast Church. It is great fun – with puppets, singing, goody bags, a Bible story and of course Toast to eat (and Tea/Coffee for mums, dads and grandparents). If you have under-7s do join us 9:30-10:00am on the fourth Sunday of the month in St Peter's (next service is on the 28th July!)

David Spence



**Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. –12 noon
in the Mortimer Room
St. Peter's Church**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

July 9th & 23rd

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

**Sunday, 28th July @ 11.00am
St James' Patronal Festival Service,
St James' Church, Bodelleigh**

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 11th July

10-11.30 a.m.

LITTLE FISHES

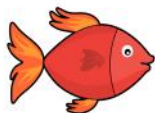
 Toddler Group 

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.

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

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Special Events at Okehampton Library in July

Marvellous Makers, Summer Reading Challenge Launch!

Saturday 6th July 9:30-12:30

Participate in our 'Big Dragon Sculpture Build', using recycled materials.

Along with other activities in the library you can also borrow some of our new books, sign up to this year's reading challenge and become part of the Marvellous Makers Creative Club!

Free, suitable for children aged 5+.

Summer Reading Challenge

6th July - 14th September

Marvellous Makers

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.

(for more activities see Page 11)



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SAMPFORD COURTENAY



is hosting a cream tea and cake event in the Church Rooms

on Saturday 13th July
between 2 and 4 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

There will also be a bookstall and draw - any items for the draw will be gratefully received.

All proceeds will go for the maintenance of St. Andrew's Church.

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Resignation of Cllr. Leanne Mathis

Following the resignation of Leanne, a vacancy exists on the council. Please see our notice board and website for updates on this vacancy. We thank Leanne for her service to the Council and wish her well for the future.

Welcome to our new Councillors

Sarah McKnight and Noah Smith were elected in June 2024 and we look forward to working with them.

Clock Tower & Lych Gate

A small event was held on 22nd June to mark the completion of the restoration works to the Clock Tower and Lych Gate. The Council thanks all of our fund contributors and gives a special thank you to our fund-raising campaigner Grahame Flynn. We couldn't have done it without him, and he is greatly appreciated.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

The Council thanks the event organisers and participants for the series of events they organised and held to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Their efforts raised £1,000 for veterans.

Town Flag Competition.

Thank you to all of our entrants. The Council congratulate our 2 winners, U18 and O18 categories and their winning designs will become our official town flags to be flown outside the Council office.

Telephone Box in The Square

The Town Council was not aware BT intended to remove the telephone box in The Square at the end of May. We registered our intention with BT, via WDBC in 2019 that we wished to adopt this telephone box should BT be considering decommissioning it. We are actively liaising with BT and WDBC over this matter as we have had no communication from them since 2022.

Single-Use Plastic Free Cemetery

Please 'come with us' on our journey to make your cemetery 'single-use plastic' free by 1st September 2024. We encourage all users of the cemetery to dispose of oasis, silk ribbon, plastic trays, cellophane etc. in the appropriate bins behind the chapel of rest (or take them home for recycling) and consider use of cut flowers or re-usable/recycled and/or bio-degradable memorial items for the sake of our environment.

In accordance with the Cemetery Terms & Conditions, the placement of shrubs, and trees, potted plants and flowers is prohibited unless contained within the base of the approved memorial.

Our grounds contractor will remove wreath and dead flowers when withered. Christmas wreaths will be removed by the end of February.

Christmas Lights in the Square

The working party has been making great progress and will bring proposals to the council on 24th June involving a new contractor who will take the liabilities away from the Council. Update to follow in July.

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

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Did somebody say 'General Election'? Does it feel like no one is talking about anything else? I can safely say that the subject has come up more than once or twice, over the morning porridge, as husband and I start the day. But what if things were a bit different? What if you could vote for a real alternative? What if the W.I. were to appear on the ballot paper?? Has that made you say 'at last – a bunch of sensible (!), practical, no-nonsense people who will sort things out properly'. Would it have Rishi and Keir quaking in their boots/running for the hills/staying at home and not even bothering to produce an election manifesto? Sometimes I wonder if the initials W.I. should stand for 'Women with Initiative' or 'Women with Ideas'. Husband has a suggestion. This should be interesting. I'll save it for the bottom paragraph.

Rosemary Griggs was our June speaker – cunningly disguised as 'Bessie' an Elizabethan servant. Rosemary's first visit to us, a few years ago, was as Lady Katherine Champenowne – the mother of Sir Walter Raleigh. Rosemary not only gave us a detailed history of Lady Katherine but was dressed head to foot in full authentic costume from the 16th century. This time she was dressed in servants clothing complete with a woollen cap made from 'good Devon wool'. Rosemary started her talk in character, as Bessie, and then reverted to herself to tell us more about Bessie's life and experiences – from losing her parents to 'the pestilence', then being taken to 'the big house at Modbury' where she learnt to sew and help with the mending. She also spent time working in the laundry, the kitchens and the still room where she would use a pestle and mortar to grind locally gathered herbs to make potions. Bessie then became a lady's maid, moving away from Modbury to Ottery where she worked for Lady Katherine. Rosemary makes all the costumes she wears to portray her characters and tries to use authentic materials (i.e. wool and linen. She has also learnt the different stitching required, such as blackwork embroidery, so the finished outfits are as close as possible to those worn during the period. Being passionate about Tudor times and using her research into the forgotten women of history has led Rosemary to write two novels, 'A Woman of Noble Wit' and 'The Dartington Bride' both set in Devon. Together with her love of theatre, re-enactment and her creation of 16th century clothing she has often been called a Devonian Time Traveller – a very fitting description.

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, we are clambering aboard a coach and heading off to..... Our W.I. Mystery Trip is almost here – destination unknown, all they know is that there will be food – eventually. So that's 34 ladies – on a coach – with no idea where they're going. Apart from me. And the driver. This could be a wonderfully exciting adventure. Or.....

If we have returned safely from our Mystery Trip, we can look forward to a Wine Tasting event at Ten Acres Vineyard at Winkleigh. I think it involves tasting five wines including a sparkling wine. Did you know there is such a thing as wine tasting etiquette? I've just read it on-line. It's hilarious. Talks about avoiding 'backsplash'.

Back to husband's suggestion for an alternative meaning for W.I. 'Women who do Ironing'
Does he have any idea how much trouble he might be in?

Sue Knott

BONDLEIGH RAINFALL

The total rainfall for May amounted to 111.5mm compared to only 53.9mm last year. However more than half of this fell on only two days. 34.9mm on the first day of the month and 40.9mm on 22nd/23rd. This second amount was thunder rain and the major part of this fell in about half an hour.

Danny Semorad

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



REGULAR EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

Stay & Play – Mondays 10:00-11:00 (term-time only)
A fun, free play session for under 5s. Come to play and socialise.
Just drop in.

Read to a Dog – Tuesdays 15:45 -16:45
To help and encourage children and teenagers to read, book on to a 'Read to a Dog' session with 'Rafa' who has been assessed by and is registered with Pets as Therapy (PAT). All children can benefit from this activity and are welcome, however, it is particularly beneficial to those children who find reading challenging, are worried about reading aloud in front of others or lack self-confidence and self-esteem. Each reading session lasts up to 15 minutes. Booking is essential.

Bounce & Rhyme - Tuesdays 10:00-10:20 & 11:00-11:20
Suitable for under 5s. FREE, no booking necessary.

Baby Weigh – Tuesdays 09:30-11:30
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
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Spread the joy of reading!

Volunteering opportunities for young people 14+

Are you looking to complete the volunteering section of your **Duke of Edinburgh's award**?
Become a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to read for fun, and happens in libraries every year in the summer holidays.

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On May Day the banner of Normandy flew outside the Victory Hall Lapford alongside that of Devon as 22 eager French visitors from Grainville-Langannerie were welcomed in the Victory Hall by Sue Briant-Evans on behalf of the Parish Council with a short speech - and in French. And thank you Google Translate which was very helpful over the next few days!

The guests then dispersed to their hosts, in Lapford, North Tawton, Sampford Courtney and other villages to settle in and enjoy a relaxing evening meal together followed by a late start on the Thursday after the 18 hour journey.

The first 'visit' – Rull Orchard near Bickleigh - required good map reading.

This small independent operation produces a good variety of ciders in various shades of sweetness from the surrounding trees, including an excellent dry sparkling. They also do a selection of traditional perries. Added to this was a tasting of award-winning Devon cheeses accompanied by local biscuits. The trip up into the orchards was a touch muddy and the composting toilet intriguing! After a quick trip home to refresh, the whole entourage decamped to the Waie Inn for an excellent three course dinner. The assembled company was well entertained by the very talented Steve Panter, with the more energetic kicking off their shoes and strutting their stuff. No names, but there are definitely some great rock and roll dancers in Normandy!

On Friday we all set off to Castle Drogo – something of a surprise to the French as it is far from being a traditional medieval castle, such as they know from nearby Caen and Falaise. The exhibits in the children's rooms were of particular interest to our visitors.

Friday evening was a profuse buffet supper at the Bowling Club in North Tawton followed by a very competitive quiz and a raffle. Many thanks to all those who contributed food to fill the tables and prizes for the bi-lingual quiz. The balcony overlooking the green provided a wonderful sunny spot for the whole group photograph.



Saturday's trip was to the Taw Brewery to admire the medieval house with its Tudor features and the traditional brewery in the threshing barn with the tower that may once have been a cider press. The spring that the brewery uses is in a 400 year old structure, listed at Grade 2*. It has never run dry and nor did the ales and ciders that were happily sampled in beautiful sunshine.

The final evening was spent with hosts with various entertainment. In North Tawton a fish and chip party was held. In Sampford Courtney there was a competitive music quiz and in Lapford a farewell supper at Lapford Mill. Then (sadly) early on the Sunday morning we waved them goodbye.

We look forward to the return visit to Normandy next year, maintaining a tradition that now goes back over 50

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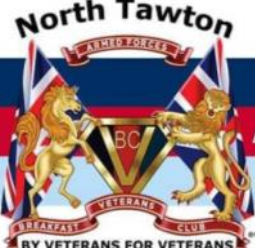
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The Sculpture School... a DECADE in Devon



The Sculpture School – the UK's only venue for realist sculpture training – is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Devon. To mark this milestone, it will be holding a major exhibition from 24th June to 7th July showcasing a DECADE of talent.

With its unique and innovative method of producing modern realist sculpture in simple steps, the school attracts students from all over the world. Under the inspirational leadership of husband-and-wife team, Master sculptor Andrew Sinclair, MRSS, and Diane Coates-Sinclair, the North Tawton venue has become a sculpture sanctuary with school, gallery, workshop, luxury accommodation and sculpture garden.

Courses run from a one-day taster, through four-day in-depth animal and human sculpture, to a one-year curriculum. Enthusiastic amateurs, professional sculptors and artists, school leavers, retirees – and even plastic surgeons – have all visited this Devon centre of sculpting expertise.

A current 'One Year' student explains: "Andrew Sinclair has brilliantly developed an organised figurative sculpting method which can only be described as a breakthrough. After a humbling decade of courses with sculptors in Florence, Paris and New York, I had almost lost hope that I would ever be able to design my own sculptures or apply the anatomical importance I wanted in figurative sculpture."

The show – a DECADE in Devon – is open 10am to 4pm daily and admission is free. A selection of top work from Andrew and Diane, their students and alumni, will be available to view and purchase. Demonstrations and tours are planned for the weekends.

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News From North Tawton Community Primary School

Extracurricular Learning at North Tawton Primary School



I hope when you look back upon your school days, you have happy memories. Mine are very mixed, but one aspect of my education I remember clearly and with great fondness are the school trips I went on. I remember the excitement of looking forward to having time out of the classroom, to experience something new and different, to have a break from the routine. At the time, I did not realise how these trips were shaping my future, providing cultural experiences and giving me safe opportunities for developing my independence.

As I look back upon this school year, I am pleased that all our children have had exciting and interesting lessons in school, enhanced by extracurricular experiences facilitated by going on visits, attending events and by having visitors to our school.

Mr. Letch made a huge impact upon our children when he spoke so openly and frankly about living with a disability. He surprised us all with the skills he has developed to overcome his physical limitations and had us really challenge misconceptions and preconceived ideas we may have had about disability. Many children went home and tried to write using their toes to hold a pencil, though we did not recommend trying to peel a potato with their toes – that's for experts like Mr. Letch!

Mr. Fox told Year Six about his memories of the second world war. He was young but remembers clearly surviving a plane crashing into his house! He spoke about his family and what it was like growing up in the aftermath of the war. Day visits to RHS Rosemoor, Paignton Zoo and Plymouth Aquarium enabled our younger pupils to see the living world, learn about life cycles, understand how animals and plants have adapted over time to suit changing environments and learn about conservation.

Anglo-Saxon history was brought to life for Year Four when they visited Escot. They made bread, whittled wood, experienced a blacksmith and etched runes. Year Five and Six learnt more about life in Tudor times when local historians Marion Pratt and David Botting Page taught them about the events which led to the local historical event known as The Prayer Book Rebellion. They also engaged in Tudor crafts making pomanders and quills. Marion and David even dressed up for the part!

To understand more about French culture, use their French language skills and learn more about World War Two, Year Six spent a week in Normandy. This year held even more significance as the class were there during the commemorations for the 80th anniversary of D Day. They saw the landing beaches where soldiers came ashore and this history was brought to life in the 360 degree cinema at Arromanches. Visits to Pegasus Bridge and Saint Mere Eglise told stories of individuals who entered occupied France in gliders or via parachutes in order to liberate the country. A particular highlight for all was attending a ceremony for the 100 year-old veteran Cecil Newton, during which the King and Queen drove past and waved at everyone!

Meanwhile back in North Tawton, our eldest pupils attended the service where the D Day flag was hoisted in our town. Four pupils held the flag as it was blessed, a huge honour and privilege.

I hope that when our pupils look back on their school days, they have fond lasting memories of the experiences they have had both in and out of the classrooms.

Tara Penny Principal





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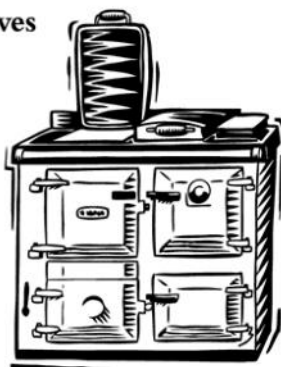
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We are also now able to offer repairs to computers and to bikes. Bikes must be booked in – please drop us a message on facebook, or call Ruth 01837 82207.

There is a **date change** for July, due to Tawlands Festival being on the same day.
6th July 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

there will be no repair café in August.

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!
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Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe WI

At the meeting on Tuesday 14th May our President , Cherry Chidwick welcomed The Winkleigh Morris Dancers. Members learnt how Morris dancers first appeared in England in the 15th Century, going through different revivals through the centuries. We were shown different styles of Morris dances by the ladies of the group being accompanied by the men on their instruments. At the beginning of the 20th Century, it was the militant suffragettes who kick started another revival. The WI ladies were then asked to join in with a more simplified dance, after watching in awe how the dancers using horse sweat scrapers managed to twist themselves into different dance positions. Cherry expressed her thanks, and a great team effort to our very successful recent coffee morning at the village hall.

Margaret Weeks was presented with a beautiful hydrangea plant, after stepping down as the press secretary and organiser of the monthly walks. The next walk being on 31st May at Fatherford. The winner of the flower of the month was Ethel Nancekivell, with Irene Harrison winning the handkerchief competition.



Ben May from the Devon Shire Farm, near Hatherleigh, was welcomed to our June meeting by President Cherry Chidwick.

Ben explained his sustainable work using Shire horses, from home breeding, and going on to train them to extract timber from local woodland, and agricultural farm work. After listening to Ben and asking many questions, members are now hoping to take tour of the farm! He was thanked by Margaret Weeks.

Three members had an enjoyable visit to The Royal Albert Hall to be part of the National Federation Annual Meeting. Margaret Cleveland gave a brief account of the proceedings. The theme was - Stop Violence Against Women, with various speakers including former Spice Girl Mel B sharing her own story of abuse. The dental health resolution was accepted as a campaign mandate. The winner of flower of the month was once again Ethel Nancekivell, Heather Aldridge won the item made of wood.

The work of the RNLI on its 200th Anniversary will be the subject of the next meeting on July 9th at Exbourne Village Hall.

Come along and see what the WI has to offer, you might like to join us.

Liz Moir

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THE ART BOX – July 2024

In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute a short creative piece, review, or general arty musings, please send to Ruth at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk



As mentioned in last month's Art Box, Red Mud Arts is arranging a fantastic opportunity for 11 to 16-year-olds in North Tawton to attend a free Lino Printing Workshop. They will be taught by well-known local artist Emmeline Webb. This fun creative session will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday 26th July 2024 - the first Friday of the summer holidays. Emmeline will inspire participants to create one or more prints to take home. Places will be limited. To register for a place on this workshop for your young person, please email redmudarts@gmail.com.

Ruth Smith

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SAMPFORD COURTENAY OPEN MEETING 2024

At the May 1st 2024 Open Parish Meeting , there were several topics that engaged the parishioners and which supported the idea of further discussion at an open meeting later in the year.

Key areas for discussion and future plans were the options for developing and maintaining the **Village Green. Its assets and facilities** and the proposed development of the **Public Toilets** – its Phase 2 plan which seeks to improve disability access.

Watch this space, the website and the village notice boards where we will endeavour to publicise the date and venue as widely as possible and start the process of working together.

Malcolm Harris Clerk Sampford Courtenay Parish Council



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The Two Moors Festival October 2024

Tamsin Waley-Cohen announces this year's programme

The Two Moors Festival 2024 will take place from the 3-13th October across the two moors:

Exmoor from **Thursday 3rd October – Sunday 6th October** (venues in Lynton, South Molton, Bampton, Dulverton and Minehead)

Dartmoor from **Thursday 10th October until Sunday 13th October** (venues in Okehampton, Lydford, Chagford, Ashburton and Exeter Castle).

This year's theme is the daily 24 hour cycle of various lights and darknesses, wakefulness and slumber we all experience. Since 2001, the Two Moors Festival (charity no. 1095723) has evolved into a well-respected and distinctive classical music festival held in remote, rurally isolated parts of Devon and Somerset. The Festival presents an artistic programme to rival many high-profile city-based events and has an international reputation for excellence way beyond its immediate physical reach. It attracts some of the most exciting performers in the world of the calibre only seen in large City venues. It has become an important part of the South West Cultural calendar.

Highlights of the 2024 Festival on Exmoor include:

UK Premiere of Freya Waley-Cohen's newly commissioned piece sung by Baritone, Roderick Williams, with Christopher Glynn on the piano.

Connaught Brass playing Debussy, Purcell, Fauré and modern works by Jan Bach, Robin Haigh and Florence Price.

Mahan Esfahani, the international and exuberant harpsichordist playing Book One of J.S. Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier.

Carducci Quartet playing Haydn, Mozart and Schubert.

and on Dartmoor:

Stile Antico – the Early English a cappella group.

Palisander Record Quartet – known as the Early Music's Spice Girls.

Tamsin Waley-Cohen playing Bach, Ysaye, Paganini and Tartini.

Young Musicians' Competition Winners' Concert.

Pianist George Fu playing Chopin and Ravel at Exeter Castle.

Tamsin Waley-Cohen Artistic Director, said "I've chosen to explore this year's theme from different perspectives, from the 24 hours of the day and the 24 keys of western music, to magic and dreamscapes, the bright sunlight of the baroque to the reflected moonlight of romanticism, and our connection to the Earth's daily turn on its axis. This promises to be a Festival full of evocative experiences and storytelling from both internationally established and exciting up-and-coming artists."

DARTMOOR WEEKEND

Thursday 10 October 7.30pm	All Saints Church, Church Path, Okehampton EX20 1LE
Stile Antico	Early English Music including Byrd, Tallis and Monteverdi
Friday 11 October 6pm and 8.30pm	The Nicholls Hall, Lydford, EX20 4HB
Palisander - Recorder Quartet	
Tamsin Waley-Cohen – Violin	Paganini, Tartini, Biber and Bach amongst others
Saturday 12 October 11.30am	St Michael the Archangel, Chagford, TQ13 8BN
Young Musicians' Competition Concert	
Saturday 12 October 3pm	Ashburton Arts Centre, 15 West Street, Devon, TQ13 7DT
Palisander	Family Concert
Saturday 12 October 6pm and 8pm	Exeter Castle, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PU
George Xiaoyuan Fu – Piano	Ravel and Chopin
Sunday 13 October 3pm	Exeter Castle, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PU
Henning Kraggerud and Clare Hammond - Violin and Piano with Narrator (TBC)	Festival Finale: Equinox

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 14th July 9.30 a.m. Communion
 21st July 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
 28th July No Service
 11a.m. Patronal Service
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Sampford Courtenay Prayer Book Rebellion 1549

I would like to thank the many people who have supported the recent events marking the 475th Anniversary of the Prayer Book Rebellion in Sampford Courtenay.

Over the last few months there have been :- Talks by Historians and Tudor Specialists, Guided 'Battlefield' Tours, Local History events and special events for Young People. Many thanks for the partnership and support from Devon Family History Society, The Devonshire Association. Members of 'Commotion Times' Re-enactment Group and our Local Schools who have contributed to making them such a success.

The community event on June 8th featured Floral Displays in the Church, Morris Dancing, Tudor Sports and Games, a Mummers Play, Re-enactment Group Activities and Demonstrations, a Tudor Fayre and local Food and Refreshments.

So many people have contributed to the success of the Anniversary. Special Thanks to Members of the Steering Group but extra special thanks to Marion Pratt and Michele Wilson whose support, expertise and energy has enabled the events to take place. They are true community champions and experts on 'doorstepping' folk to be involved.

Sampford Courtenay will always be associated with the beginning and end of the Prayer Book Rebellion. It started with a local uprising which had a major impact on the overnment of the day and had a devastating end at the final battle and for a long time afterwards.

We have a responsibility of remembering what took place here and ensuring that the story is told and that it can be passed on to future generations.

My thanks to you all for your support.

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Sampford Courtenay.



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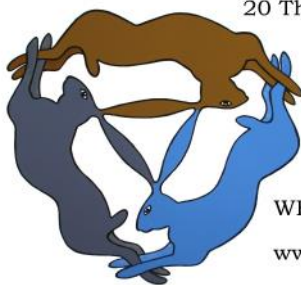
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