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From The Rectory

It's hard to concentrate on writing an article when the snow is falling outside. My eyes keep on being drawn back to the beauty of the falling snowflakes. Like the flames of a fire I find it fascinating and could stare for hours. January and February can be quite a dull time of year – a snowfall brings a bit of excitement – the schools are to close early just the day after they open. But by the time you read this you will have already enjoyed (if that's the right word!) the so-called most depressing day of the year. It's just that time of year – dark, cold and wet.

I am not sure what the equivalent to the long dark nights of winter was in Jesus's time and place, but I am sure there were similar seasons. Now, after Christmas is over and it is a long wait until the summer comes to warm our skin, it is maybe when we most need to remember the truth behind what happened the first Christmas. God came to earth as the baby Jesus – and this means he...

...understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

What an invitation to bring all that we face – even those dark winter days – to God in prayer. We can come to God with confidence – he wants to offer us mercy and help when we are in times of need. But there's even more. The writer is reassuring us, that when we fail, makes mistakes, do wrong things, we can turn to him. And he doesn't shout down from heaven in judgement. No, he says to us "yes I know it's hard... I've been there... I know it's difficult... let me help you..." Christmas means God knows what we face, the highs and lows, the boredom and the excitement, the feelings of success and of disappointment, the times when we just have to push on and the times when life is a complete joy. He made the choice to give up for a time the glory of heaven to humble himself to the cold and darkness of a manger birth. So that he would know what it was to be one of us and even more so he could help and rescue us. As you begin 2025 why not try what the writer to the Hebrews suggests – approach the throne of this God in prayer and ask him for help in your time of need.

David Spence

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St James' Church, Bondleigh

Sunday 16th February @ 11.00am

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Caroline Stokes
on behalf of St. James's PCC

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We are pleased to let you know that the
population of Bondleigh has yet again
increased by one with the birth of Phoebe
Evelyn Gower on Monday, 6th January
who has joined Tim, Alex and her brother,
Rupert at Lower Town Farm.

Greetings for the New Year from Nicky & Malcolm Craig

Malcolm and Nicky Craig are sorry to have been unable
to send cards this Christmas. We had hoped to send
this message in the December copy but were unable.

We have not been able to get to many of the festive and
New Year Events but want to send our best wishes and
thanks to our friends for the cards and best wishes that
we have received.

There is always an open door at Lower Trecott and we
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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

We're taking over the Post Office. Well – not all of it. Just the window. When you are visiting our wonderful Post Office (for the whole of February) prepare to be blown away by a display of our many talents. An array of photographs and a variety of craft items will be on show demonstrating what we get up to. And this is hopefully going to make YOU – (that is, the ladies of the parish) rush home, pick up the phone and demand to become a member. Husband is looking at me. His expression makes me think that he's going to ask me which particular craft items I will be displaying in the window. He's doing this because he thinks he knows the answer. None whatsoever. But he'd be wrong. He's forgotten about my Dorodango.

The weather decided to present us with a bit of a dilemma for our first meeting in 2025. It snowed. And the occasional glance through the Rugby Club windows during the afternoon was enough to make us think we wouldn't hang around too long. But long enough to appreciate the incredible vocal talents of Bronwen Stephens-Harding. Bronwen was eight when she decided she wanted to be a professional opera singer and in 2018 – after a career thus far of busking, choral and opera singing together with singing studies – she founded Rogue Opera with the idea of bringing opera to new audiences and into unconventional types of spaces rather than the usual theatre setting. Bronwen also runs sound and movement workshops in which she actively encourages people to explore their voices and explains how important it is to use our breath in such a way that it truly connects to our bodies. This involved our members walking around the room making 'unusual' vocal sounds and adopting different walking postures whilst doing so. Then – she taught us how to sing Puccini's Madame Butterfly.

Well – not all of it. Just a tiny bit. And then there was a request to hear Bronwen sing. So she did. She sang an excerpt from Carmen's 'Habanera' – and it made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It really was a 'wow' moment. A brilliant way to start the W.I. New Year.

We had a trip to Okehampton cinema in December. To see the live streaming of Cinderella – performed by the English National Ballet. It was fabulous. And we're booked in to see another couple of live streaming 'events' – Les Miserables and Billy Elliot. Don't know about you but I'm allergic to the sound of popcorn being munched, so I told the ladies that the popcorn machine was out of order.

We've got another Mystery Trip planned for 2025 (and you can keep trying, Jacqueline, but no matter what you do or say our destination will remain a well kept secret) and is it too early to mention another Christmas shopping trip to Clarks Village in November? Our trip to Clarks, last November, was exceptionally successful judging by the number of shopping bags being squeezed onto the coach. I think we must have contributed greatly to their annual takings.

Talking about Christmas – am I the only one that thinks the preparation for Christmas is far too long? It seems to start a bit earlier every year (I think it's called Christmas Creep – yep, I've just Googled it and it really is a 'thing') Is there a way to stop it? Do we need to put another petition in our lovely Post Office demanding that Christmas can only be talked about or planned from December 1st?

Husband has definitely moved on from Christmas. It's THAT time of year again. The spare bedroom is booked for the next few months and is already occupied. Spuds are us. Oh yes. Chitting is about to take place and it is a Very Serious Business. Light levels have been calibrated, moisture levels have been recorded and potato varieties noted in the 'Journal'. You may think that the very last thing he does before lights out is kiss his wife goodnight, but you'd be wrong. He checks the spuds. The Very Serious Business of checking for chitting is extremely important.

Husband has a totally blank expression on his face. The 'Dorodango' workshop I went to last summer didn't have as much of an impact on him as I thought. So I've had an idea. I'm going to display my Dorodango in the Post Office window.

Sue Knott

Okehampton & District Local History Society

Wednesday 11th March - 7.30 p.m. at The Ockment Centre, Okehampton.

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Okehampton and District Local History Society Talk - 'The Best Days of our Lives? - A brief history of the old Okehampton Primary School' by Dr. Alan Parkinson.

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Dr. Alan Parkinson is a former teacher, teacher-trainer and university history lecturer. He has written many books and is the co-author of 'West Devon's History Tales' and 'More West Devon History Tales'.

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The Parish Council was busy in the final weeks of 2024. The Sampford Courtenay Open Parish meeting in late November was supported with administration and chaired by Cllr Wilson. The meeting was well attended and seven local speakers talked through current and planned village initiatives and community projects. A useful group discussion, table by table, formed part of the evening and a summary of the feedback and ideas have since been posted up on the website and on the local notice boards. Do take some time to read what your local community and neighbours are talking about and any other ideas will always be welcomed. Email the Parish Clerk on clerkscpc@gmail.com or come along to any Parish Council meeting. Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 26th 2025 at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

The last Parish Council meeting of 2024, also in November had a full agenda that considered 5 planning applications, 6 Parish priority updates and 3 reports on topics ranging from the possibility of a gov.uk email domain change for the council to the central government's intention to legislate remote attendance at local authority meetings in future. The council also voted to host the Sampford Courtenay Christmas tree lighting and carols event with refreshments – this was subsequently enjoyed by many in the community last month.

Our Parish priority work continues to be updated and reported upon by our hardworking Councillors. Cllrs Carpenter and Green are working on some of the ideas submitted to the parish survey regarding the development of the Village Green. The work involved on the accessibility improvements to the Green and the Waterpath are currently out for quotes and will be reported to an early 2025 meeting.

The January 2025 meeting will have been held by the time this edition of Roundabout is printed. The agenda has some interesting reports and updates on topics ranging from the Broadband issue for Sampford Courtenay (reported in a previous Roundabout edition) to the Railway 200 initiative www.railway200.co.uk. Our minutes and the reports are on the website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk

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Hi everyone



I hope that you are all well and had a happy and healthy new year. 2025 certainly arrived with a bang with high winds, snow, ice and heavy rain interspersed with the occasional ray of sunshine. Our Ranger and Garden teams are busy working their way through all the storm damage so please look out for various path diversions as they clear fallen trees and broken branches.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the choirs, groups and performers who helped to create a beautiful Christmas at Castle Drogo. There were many lovely musical performances which visitors really enjoyed and a gorgeous display of handmade tulips, created by members of Dartmoor Creative Textiles, down the main stairs, recreating the tulips the Drewe family always had for Christmas. It was wonderful to see many people venture out between Christmas and new year too. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers who came in to make it possible for us to open the castle.

We now focus on the year ahead as the National Trust marks 130 years since it was founded by 3 incredible volunteers. On Dartmoor, Spring is firmly on its way with buds and bulbs appearing everywhere. Here are a few dates for your diary so you know when various places are open:

- Parke, just outside Bovey Tracey, is open from dawn until dusk all year round if you need some fresh air and a stroll through the woodland and riverside paths.
- Lydford Gorge will open both the Devil's Cauldron and Waterfall trails, 7 days a week, from Saturday 1 March, 10am – 4.40pm. Always check the website in case of high winds!
- Finch Foundry opens Wednesday to Sunday from Wednesday 19 March, 11am – 4pm.
- The Teign Valley estate and Fingle Woods are open every day from dawn until dusk.

Castle Drogo partially re-opens on Monday 3 February, 10am – 4pm, with the café, shop, garden and part of the castle. We then fully re-open on Monday 24 March, 10am – 5pm, with new displays to mark 50 years since the National Trust opened Drogo to the public.

This leads me nicely to a very important date for your diary. On Friday 28 March, it will be exactly 50 years to the day since the Trust first opened Drogo in 1975. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our neighbours and local communities for all of the support you have given us over those 50 years. You have been patient and kind on busy days when visitors park in funny places or get lost, and helped us to care for Drogo by visiting, bringing friends and family with you, buying a cuppa in the café, making a purchase in the shop, or donating books for the second hand bookshop.

As a sign of our appreciation, we would like to invite you for a community free entry day on Friday 28 March. Castle Drogo will be open from 10am until 5pm. Just bring along a copy of this magazine to get your free entry. Many of us will be in 1970s dress if you fancy dressing up too. Not compulsory of course! It would be fun though so dust off those flares, put on your platform shoes and join us for a brief travel back in time to 1975.

Best wishes all, Paula Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor , paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

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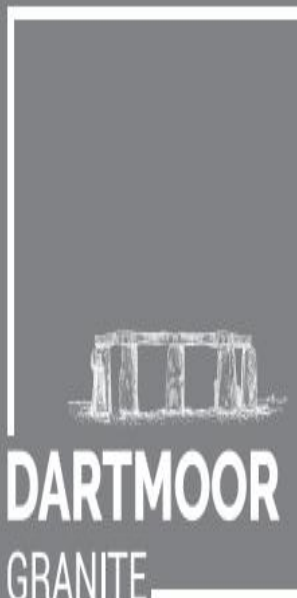
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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Fancy Dress Rail February 2025

Come in and choose your child's next fancy-dress costume for World Book Day (6th March). No swap required. Monetary donations welcome.

National Storytelling Week 1-9 February

Bedtime stories & hot chocolate

Friday 7th February 17:00-17:30

Bring your teddy bears (pyjamas optional) to listen to some bedtime stories, hot chocolate will be available, provided by The Friends of Okehampton Library. Free event, donations welcome. Suitable for ages 0-10.

Stay & Play with 'Tiny Travels Cultural Drop-in'

Monday 10th February 10:00-11:00

Come along to Stay & Play and experience a cultural diversity pop-up play group session with Tiny Travels. Tiny Travels Cultural Education provides children in Devon with the opportunity to learn about different cultures in a fun, accessible, educational way with the mission to help promote understanding, reduce stereotypes and combat racism in the British countryside.

Explore global crafts, instruments, storytelling, diversity games, dolls, sights, smells & sounds from around the world! Free drop in event for children under 5 and their carers.

Blind Date with a Book

Available 10-15th February

Come into Okehampton library and choose your next read, blind date style. Will you fall in love with your match?? Or swipe left!

Police Community drop in

Thursday 13th February 15:30-16:30

Police Community Support Officer Sean Jones, will be here if you would like to come in and chat. He said: "It will be a good chance for us to engage with the community and answer any questions or concerns people have, as well as passing on advice if they would like it. I will also bring along some finger printing kits for any children to take part in."

Space Display Half Term Event 17-22nd February

During library opening hours

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Repair Event from Proper Job

Saturday 22nd February 10:00 - 12:00 TBC

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BONDLEIGH RAINFALL

Firstly, I will deal with the November and December rainfall. Both months were significantly drier than the equivalent months in 2023. November measured 123.9mm compared to 168.7mm last year and December measured only 77.7mm compared to 156.5mm in 2023. Almost all of November's rain fell in the second half of the month, whereas December's was spread evenly through the month.

Total rainfall for 2024 was 1171.5 mm. (46.12ins). The wettest month was February with 196.9 mm. and the driest was June with only 19.3 mm.. This total was very similar to 2023 with 1190.4 mm (46.86ins). The wettest month being November with 168.7 mm and the driest February with 17.5 mm..

Many people ask if I have noticed any significant changes in rainfall patterns with the onset of 'climate change'. I have to admit that I have seen no change to the rainfall patterns. Our rainfall is just very variable no matter what the season. This can be shown by the last two February's.

My records start in 1996. So far, the wettest year was 2012 with 1380 mm. and the driest was 2003 with 680.9 mm.. The average over 29 years is 1032.6mm.. In the last 10 years 6 years have been above average. Perhaps a pattern is starting to emerge. Over 50 mm. has fallen in the first 5 days of 2025. Watch this space!

Danny Semorad

Okehampton u3a

Tuesday 18th February

Climate and Ecological Crisis? What's all the fuss about? is a 60-70 minute presentation

by David Ramsden MBE, an experienced and many say "inspirational" speaker.

David, has been talking about and researching climate change for more than 36 years which has helped him to put together this informative talk which provides an easy-to-follow introduction to the whole subject and the solutions some people are proposing. It is aimed primarily at people who don't understand our global situation, and people who think they do, but have done little or nothing about it.

Want to know the answers to questions like;
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The easiest thing to do about climate change is ignore it.

What's the big deal anyway?

There's nothing new about extreme weather events. These things have always happened. Even if our climate is changing a bit, what does it matter (?) and how do we know it's man-made?

In the words of Prof. Alasdair Skelton, Director of the Bolin Centre for Climate Research, Stockholm University, "This is the best talk I have heard about the climate and ecological crisis. I warmly recommend this outstanding talk".

So, if you're not sure what climate change is, whether or not it's really happening, or whether anything really needs to be done about it, why not attend David's talk? It's a great way to find out.

This meeting will be held at Fairplace Church, 3 Fairplace Terrace, Okehampton, EX20 1DT starting at 2.30 p.m..

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News from North Tawton Primary School



Children's Mental Health Week - Know Yourself, Grow Yourself

Over the years, people have become more aware of the need to acknowledge the importance of positive attitudes towards mental health.

I am of the generation of being told 'big boys don't cry, pull yourself together and cheer up love, it might never happen.' I was led to understand that emotions were 'good or bad' and 'bad' ones should be bottled up. As society has become more emotionally literate, we know that these attitudes have not been helpful for adults or children navigating the challenges of life. In my teaching career, educators have become increasingly aware of the need to explicitly talk about managing feelings and emotions and teach children strategies for developing positive mental health.

Place2Be launched the first-ever Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. It has since become a well recognised event, with hundreds of schools and colleges participating across the UK (and beyond!) as well as hundreds of children, parents and carers.

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from 3-9th February 2025.

The theme for 2025 is focus is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Taken from the Place2Be website.

At North Tawton Primary, our Year Six class are preparing an assembly for the school. They will be supporting their school friends understand their feelings, and to take positive steps if they are feeling low.

Year Six advice:

Talk about how you feel.

Sometimes some alone time is healthy to reflect and feel calm.

If you are anxious, use a fidget toy as a distraction.

Get lots of sleep so you are not grumpy.

Try meditating, journaling and doing some extra exercise.

There are lots of helpful networks online including Place2be, NHS, NSPCC and Young Minds if you want advice to support a young person with their mental health.

Tara Penny

Principal, North Tawton Primary School

Exbourne Village Hall

Our popular **Quiz and Puds** event will take place on Friday 21st February. Doors open 7 p.m. for 7.30 start. Entry is £5 per team of up to 4 people. Selection of desserts at £5 per head. Bring your own drinks. There will also be a raffle. Space is limited so please book in advance by contacting Sue Rose on 01837 851232 or ser@care4free.net. Payment will be taken on the night. Any contributions of desserts will be gratefully received.

We will also be holding a **Skittles Evening** on Friday 21st March at 7.30 p.m., £2 per person for hall funds. This is a fun sociable evening for all abilities. Tea and coffee will be available or bring your own alcohol.

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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 07950 637976

8th February 2025 - 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Please bring all items in prior to 12 noon, the earlier you bring them,
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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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Artist Matthew Jones at Ruth Smith Gallery – written by Ruth

2025 has been kicked off here by Texas-based artist, Matthew Jones, who has been staying at Ruth Smith Gallery for an art residency, with his wife, Ashley. Matthew has been making works in response to hikes around Dartmoor and trips to the coast. It's pretty staggering how much work he has produced even in the one week since arriving, easily 10 paintings and 8 sketches already, only one and a half weeks in. That's pretty impressive given the labour-intensive technique he employs- Matthew works in encaustic, which involves painting in molten beeswax mixed with pigment, which cools quickly on application. He's also been incorporating moss which adds to the already extremely textured surface of the paintings. Matthew has been working on top of card he has made out of old mount board and moss that he has soaked, turned into a pulp and then pressed to make a beautiful grey-brown and very textured paper. The charcoal and chalk drawings show it off at its best. An exhibition is planned for Matthew's last couple of days here, with a late opening on the last night to celebrate his time on the residency, and today he gave a workshop on his methods to 6 or 7 of us North Tawntonians. Due to needing to travel light, Matthew ordered his equipment directly to the gallery and intends to leave much of it here. We hope to make it available through the Library of Things, so that others can try their hand at this really interesting technique!





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Contact: Mr. R. Sampson 07835 033062

FROM THE REGISTERS

From the Registers

Baptisms

23rd November

Isabel Weeks

St. Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

1st December

Devon Towell

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Funerals

18th November

Julia Taylor (65 years)

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18th December

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North Tawton

Flowers

Feb 2nd / 9th	Cathy Drake
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February	Carol Whiteley
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North Tawton Residents

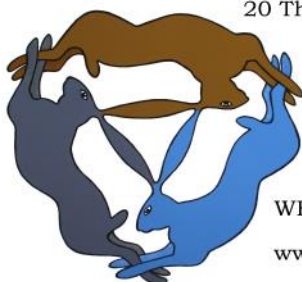
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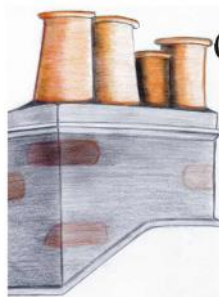
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